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EDITOR'S LETTER

Sometimes, if he's lucky enough to be drafted into the right system for his talents, a quarterback can slide almost seamlessly into an NFL scheme, especially after he's had a chance for some seasoning. Other times, it's a case of square peg, round hole, some assembly required.

If you've been an NFL fan long enough, you've no doubt seen your favorite team swing and miss on a quarterback prospect. Other times, if you're fortunate, you've watched your team select a guy who's perfectly suited for the offense he'll be running, and after a little coaching and a little experience, that guy flourishes.

For quarterbacks, the fit is critical — maybe even more important even than talent, character, arm strength and measurables.

In his feature story "The Fit Is the Thing" on page 22 of this year's *Athlon Sports* NFL Draft preview, NFL insider Doug Farrar does a deep dive into the systems and schemes that best fit this year's top quarterback prospects. You might think that a guy like Fernando Mendoza could succeed anywhere (and you might be right), but there are clearly some NFL systems that more synergistic matches for Mendoza and his particular set of talents than others.

Matching personnel to scheme is one of the subtle but crucially important aspects of the annual talent influx called the NFL Draft, three of the most important days on the NFL calendar.

As is the case every year, Luke Easterling shares his unmatched draft knowledge, based on countless hours of film study, in providing the industry's best, most reliable rankings and in-depth assessments of 200-plus prospects.

This time around, Luke has reserved his highest praise for Ohio State safety Caleb Downs, ranking him as 2026's No. 1 overall prospect. And fortunately for readers of *Athlon Sports*, Caleb was kind enough to share his time with Doug for an insightful and wide-ranging interview. Read what Downs has to say about what he'll bring to some lucky NFL team, and about his formative years under defensive masterminds Nick Saban and Matt Patricia, in our feature story "Do-It-All Downs" on page 18 of this year's magazine. Downs is a player of extraordinary talent and a man of extraordinary faith and character. Some locker room will benefit greatly from his presence, and according to Luke's mock draft starting on page 14, that team will be the Washington Commanders.

Luke's mock should be of particular interest to fans (like me) whose teams are a few transformational pieces away from contention. My local team, the Tennessee Titans, made the most important change of all this offseason — swapping out the guys who wear the headsets — and now must set about the business of stocking new head coach Robert Saleh's pantry with goodies, starting on April 23 with the fourth overall pick.

Las Vegas, you're on the clock. And, Klint Kubiak and Mark Davis, in case you're wondering — Luke has you taking Mendoza. I'd listen to him if I were you.

Rob Doster

ROB DOSTER, MANAGING EDITOR

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2026 DRAFT RANKINGS

QB

QUARTERBACKS

1. **FERNANDO MENDOZA** | Indiana | 1st Round
2. **TY SIMPSON** | Alabama | 2nd Round
3. **TRINIDAD CHAMBLISS** | Ole Miss | 2nd Round
4. **TAYLEN GREEN** | Arkansas | 4th Round
5. **GARRETT NUSSMEIER** | LSU | 4th Round
6. **CARSON BECK** | Miami (Fla.) | 4th Round
7. **DREW ALLAR** | Penn State | 4th Round
8. **CADE KLUBNIK** | Clemson | 5th Round
9. **SAWYER ROBERTSON** | Baylor | 5th Round
10. **DIEGO PAVIA** | Vanderbilt | 6th Round
11. **JOE FAGNANO** | UConn | 6th Round
12. **LUKE ALTMYER** | Illinois | 6th Round
13. **MILLER MOSS** | Louisville | 6th Round
14. **COLE PAYTON** | North Dakota State | 7th Round
15. **JALON DANIELS** | Kansas | 7th Round

FERNANDO MENDOZA

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JEREMIYAH
LOVE

RB RUNNING BACKS

1. **JEREMIYAH LOVE** | Notre Dame | 1st Round
2. **JADARIAN PRICE** | Notre Dame | 2nd Round
3. **JONAH COLEMAN** | Washington | 3rd Round
4. **MIKE WASHINGTON JR.** | Arkansas | 3rd Round
5. **NICHOLAS SINGLETON** | Penn State | 3rd Round
6. **EMMETT JOHNSON** | Nebraska | 3rd Round
7. **KAYTRON ALLEN** | Penn State | 4th Round
8. **DEMOND CLAIBORNE** | Wake Forest | 4th Round
9. **ROMAN HEMBY** | Indiana | 4th Round
10. **SETH McGOWAN** | Kentucky | 5th Round
11. **ADAM RANDALL** | Clemson | 5th Round
12. **J'MARI TAYLOR** | Virginia | 5th Round
13. **ROBERT HENRY JR.** | UTSA | 6th Round
14. **NOAH WHITTINGTON** | Oregon | 6th Round
15. **CJ DONALDSON** | Ohio State | 6th Round
16. **JAM MILLER** | Alabama | 6th Round
17. **KEJON OWENS** | FIU | 6th Round
18. **JAYDN OTT** | Oklahoma | 7th Round
19. **DESMOND REID** | Pitt | 7th Round
20. **MAX BREDESON** | Michigan | 7th Round

WR WIDE RECEIVERS

1. **CARNELL TATE** | Ohio State | 1st Round
2. **MAKAI LEMON** | USC | 1st Round
3. **JORDYN TYSON** | Arizona State | 1st Round
4. **DENZEL BOSTON** | Washington | 1st Round
5. **KC CONCEPCION** | Texas A&M | 2nd Round
6. **ZACHARIAH BRANCH** | Georgia | 2nd Round
7. **CHRIS BELL** | Louisville | 2nd Round
8. **CHRIS BRAZZELL II** | Tennessee | 2nd Round
9. **JA'KOBI LANE** | USC | 2nd Round
10. **OMAR COOPER JR.** | Indiana | 2nd Round
11. **MALACHI FIELDS** | Notre Dame | 2nd Round
12. **GERMIE BERNARD** | Alabama | 2nd Round
13. **ELIJAH SARRATT** | Indiana | 3rd Round
14. **DEION BURKS** | Oklahoma | 3rd Round
15. **ANTONIO WILLIAMS** | Clemson | 3rd Round
16. **SKYLER BELL** | UConn | 3rd Round
17. **TED HURST** | Georgia State | 4th Round
18. **ERIC McALISTER** | TCU | 4th Round
19. **BRYCE LANCE** | North Dakota State | 4th Round
20. **JOSH CAMERON** | Baylor | 4th Round
21. **KEVIN COLEMAN JR.** | Missouri | 5th Round
22. **CJ DANIELS** | Miami (Fla.) | 5th Round
23. **BRENEN THOMPSON** | Mississippi State | 5th Round
24. **REGGIE VIRGIL** | Texas Tech | 5th Round
25. **ERIC RIVERS** | Georgia Tech | 6th Round

KENYON SADIQ

TE
TIGHT ENDS

1. **KENYON SADIQ** | Oregon | 1st Round
2. **MICHAEL TRIGG** | Baylor | 3rd Round
3. **JOE ROYER** | Cincinnati | 3rd Round
4. **OSCAR DELP** | Georgia | 4th Round
5. **ELI STOWERS** | Vanderbilt | 4th Round
6. **MAX KLARE** | Ohio State | 4th Round
7. **JACK ENDRIES** | Texas | 4th Round
8. **DAE'QUAN WRIGHT** | Ole Miss | 4th Round
9. **JUSTIN JOLY** | NC State | 5th Round
10. **ELI RARIDON** | Notre Dame | 5th Round
11. **TANNER KOZIOL** | Houston | 5th Round
12. **DALLEN BENTLEY** | Utah | 5th Round

OT
OFFENSIVE TACKLES

1. **SPENCER FANO** | Utah | 1st Round
2. **FRANCIS MAUIGOA** | Miami (Fla.) | 1st Round
3. **CALEB LOMU** | Utah | 1st Round
4. **KADYN PROCTOR** | Alabama | 1st Round
5. **MONROE FREELING** | Georgia | 2nd Round
6. **BLAKE MILLER** | Clemson | 2nd Round
7. **GENNINGS DUNKER** | Iowa | 2nd Round
8. **MAX IHEANACHOR** | Arizona State | 2nd Round
9. **CALEB TIERNAN** | Northwestern | 3rd Round
10. **ISAIAH WORLD** | Oregon | 3rd Round
11. **AUSTIN BARBER** | Florida | 4th Round
12. **JUDE BOWRY** | Boston College | 4th Round
13. **KAGE CASEY** | Boise State | 5th Round
14. **DREW SHELTON** | Penn State | 5th Round
15. **J.C. DAVIS** | Illinois | 6th Round

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ARVELL
REESE

IOL

INTERIOR OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

1. **OLAIVAVEGA IOANE** | Penn State | 1st Round
2. **EMMANUEL PREGNON** | Oregon | 2nd Round
3. **CHASE BISONTIS** | Texas A&M | 2nd Round
4. **CONNOR LEW** | Auburn | 3rd Round
5. **JAKE SLAUGHTER** | Florida | 3rd Round
6. **KEYLAN RUTLEDGE** | Georgia Tech | 4th Round
7. **PARKER BRAILSFORD** | Alabama | 4th Round
8. **AR'MAJ REED-ADAMS** | Texas A&M | 4th Round
9. **BRIAN PARKER II** | Duke | 4th Round
10. **LOGAN JONES** | Iowa | 4th Round
11. **SAM HECHT** | Kansas State | 4th Round
12. **BEAU STEPHENS** | Iowa | 5th Round
13. **DJ CAMPBELL** | Texas | 5th Round
14. **PAT COOGAN** | Indiana | 6th Round
15. **JEREMIAH WRIGHT** | Auburn | 6th Round

EDGE

EDGE DEFENDERS

1. **ARVELL REESE** | Ohio State | 1st Round
2. **RUEBEN BAIN JR.** | Miami (Fla.) | 1st Round
3. **DAVID BAILEY** | Texas Tech | 1st Round
4. **KELDRIC FAULK** | Auburn | 1st Round
5. **CASHIUS HOWELL** | Texas A&M | 1st Round
6. **AKHEEM MESIDOR** | Miami (Fla.) | 2nd Round
7. **T.J. PARKER** | Clemson | 2nd Round
8. **R MASON THOMAS** | Oklahoma | 2nd Round
9. **ZION YOUNG** | Missouri | 2nd Round
10. **LT OVERTON** | Alabama | 2nd Round
11. **JOSHUA JOSEPHS** | Tennessee | 2nd Round
12. **ROMELLO HEIGHT** | Texas Tech | 2nd Round
13. **DANI DENNIS-SUTTON** | Penn State | 3rd Round
14. **MALACHI LAWRENCE** | UCF | 3rd Round
15. **DERRICK MOORE** | Michigan | 3rd Round
16. **GABE JACAS** | Illinois | 3rd Round
17. **ANTHONY LUCAS** | USC | 4th Round
18. **CADEN CURRY** | Ohio State | 4th Round
19. **NADAME TUCKER** | Western Michigan | 4th Round
20. **LOGAN FANO** | Utah | 4th Round

SONNY
STYLES

LB LINEBACKERS

1. **SONNY STYLES** | Ohio State | 1st Round
2. **CJ ALLEN** | Georgia | 1st Round
3. **ANTHONY HILL JR.** | Texas | 2nd Round
4. **JACOB RODRIGUEZ** | Texas Tech | 2nd Round
5. **JOSIAH TROTTER** | Missouri | 3rd Round
6. **JAKE GOLDAY** | Cincinnati | 3rd Round
7. **DEONTAE LAWSON** | Alabama | 3rd Round
8. **TAUREAN YORK** | Texas A&M | 4th Round
9. **HAROLD PERKINS JR.** | LSU | 4th Round
10. **AIDEN FISHER** | Indiana | 4th Round
11. **KYLE LOUIS** | Pitt | 5th Round
12. **LANDER BARTON** | Utah | 5th Round

IDL INTERIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

1. **PETER WOODS** | Clemson | 1st Round
2. **KAYDEN McDONALD** | Ohio State | 1st Round
3. **LEE HUNTER** | Texas Tech | 1st Round
4. **CALEB BANKS** | Florida | 2nd Round
5. **CHRISTEN MILLER** | Georgia | 2nd Round
6. **DOMONIQUE ORANGE** | Iowa State | 2nd Round
7. **DARRELL JACKSON JR.** | Florida State | 2nd Round
8. **DONTAY CORLEONE** | Cincinnati | 3rd Round
9. **TIM KEENAN III** | Alabama | 3rd Round
10. **ZANE DURANT** | Penn State | 3rd Round
11. **ZXAVIAN HARRIS** | Ole Miss | 4th Round
12. **DEMONTE CAPEHART** | Clemson | 4th Round
13. **CAMERON BALL** | Mississippi State | 4th Round
14. **GRACEN HALTON** | Oklahoma State | 5th Round
15. **SKYLER GILL-HOWARD** | Texas Tech | 5th Round
16. **ALBERT REGIS** | Texas A&M | 6th Round
17. **CHRIS McCLELLAN** | Missouri | 6th Round
18. **NICK BARRETT** | South Carolina | 6th Round
19. **AARON GRAVES** | Iowa | 6th Round
20. **LANDON ROBINSON** | Navy | 7th Round

CALEB
DOWNS

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CB
CORNERBACKS

1. **MANSOOR DELANE** | LSU | 1st Round
2. **JERMOD McCOY** | Tennessee | 1st Round
3. **COLTON HOOD** | Tennessee | 1st Round
4. **AVIEON TERRELL** | Clemson | 2nd Round
5. **BRANDON CISSE** | South Carolina | 2nd Round
6. **CHRIS JOHNSON** | San Diego State | 2nd Round
7. **D'ANGELO PONDS** | Indiana | 2nd Round
8. **KEITH ABNEY II** | Arizona State | 2nd Round
9. **JULIAN NEAL** | Arkansas | 2nd Round
10. **MALIK MUHAMMAD** | Texas | 3rd Round
11. **KEIONTE SCOTT** | Miami (Fla.) | 3rd Round
12. **DEVIN MOORE** | Florida | 3rd Round
13. **WILL LEE III** | Texas A&M | 3rd Round
14. **DAVISON IGBINOSUN** | Ohio State | 3rd Round
15. **CHANDLER RIVERS** | Duke | 3rd Round
16. **TREYDAN STUKES** | Arizona | 4th Round
17. **DAYLEN EVERETTE** | Georgia | 4th Round
18. **TACARIO DAVIS** | Washington | 4th Round
19. **DOMANI JACKSON** | Alabama | 5th Round
20. **HEZEKIAH MASSES** | California | 5th Round
21. **THADDEUS DIXON** | North Carolina | 5th Round
22. **DEVON MARSHALL** | NC State | 5th Round
23. **TJ HALL** | Iowa | 5th Round
24. **EPHESIANS PRYSOCK** | Washington | 6th Round
25. **MARCUS ALLEN** | North Carolina | 6th Round

SAFETIES
S

1. **CALEB DOWNS** | Ohio State | 1st Round
2. **EMMANUEL MCNEIL-WARREN** | Toledo | 1st Round
3. **DILLON THIENEMAN** | Oregon | 2nd Round
4. **A.J. HAULCY** | LSU | 3rd Round
5. **KAMARI RAMSEY** | USC | 3rd Round
6. **ZAKEE WHEATLEY** | Penn State | 4th Round
7. **GENESIS SMITH** | Arizona | 4th Round
8. **JALON KILGORE** | South Carolina | 4th Round
9. **BUD CLARK** | TCU | 4th Round
10. **LOUIS MOORE** | Indiana | 5th Round
11. **BISHOP FITZGERALD** | USC | 5th Round
12. **DESHON SINGLETON** | Nebraska | 5th Round
13. **VJ PAYNE** | Kansas State | 5th Round
14. **MICHAEL TAAFFE** | Texas | 5th Round
15. **COLE WISNIEWSKI** | Texas Tech | 5th Round

TOP 100 PROSPECTS

2026

RK	PLAYER	POS	TEAM
1.	CALEB DOWNS	S	Ohio State
2.	FERNANDO MENDOZA	QB	Indiana
3.	ARVELL REESE	Edge	Ohio State
4.	JEREMIYAH LOVE	RB	Notre Dame
5.	RUEBEN BAIN JR.	Edge	Miami (Fla.)
6.	DAVID BAILEY	Edge	Texas Tech
7.	MANSOOR DELANE	CB	LSU
8.	SONNY STYLES	LB	Ohio State
9.	CARNELL TATE	WR	Ohio State
10.	MAKAI LEMON	WR	USC
11.	VEGA IOANE	OL	Penn State
12.	SPENCER FANO	OT	Utah
13.	FRANCIS MAUIGOA	OT	Miami (Fla.)
14.	JORDYN TYSON	WR	Arizona State
15.	JERMOD McCOY	CB	Tennessee
16.	KELDRIC FAULK	Edge	Auburn
17.	KENYON SADIQ	TE	Oregon
18.	PETER WOODS	DL	Clemson
19.	CASHIUS HOWELL	Edge	Texas A&M
20.	DENZEL BOSTON	WR	Washington
21.	Emmanuel McNeil-Warren	S	Toledo
22.	Kayden McDonald	DL	Ohio State
23.	Lee Hunter	DL	Texas Tech
24.	Colton Hood	CB	Tennessee
25.	Caleb Lomu	OT	Utah
26.	Kadyn Proctor	OT	Alabama
27.	CJ Allen	LB	Georgia
28.	Avieon Terrell	CB	Clemson
29.	Akheem Mesidor	Edge	Miami (Fla.)
30.	Monroe Freeling	OT	Georgia
31.	T.J. Parker	Edge	Clemson
32.	KC Concepcion	WR	Texas A&M
33.	Emmanuel Pregnon	OL	Oregon
34.	Brandon Cisse	CB	South Carolina
35.	Dillon Thieneman	S	Oregon
36.	Anthony Hill Jr.	LB	Texas
37.	Caleb Banks	DL	Florida
38.	Blake Miller	OT	Clemson
39.	Gennings Dunker	OT	Iowa
40.	Zachariah Branch	WR	Georgia
41.	Chris Johnson	CB	San Diego State
42.	R Mason Thomas	Edge	Oklahoma
43.	Ty Simpson	QB	Alabama
44.	Chris Bell	WR	Louisville
45.	Christen Miller	DL	Georgia
46.	Chris Brazzell II	WR	Tennessee
47.	Zion Young	Edge	Missouri
48.	Max Iheanachor	OT	Arizona State
49.	LT Overton	Edge	Alabama
50.	Ja'Kobi Lane	WR	USC
51.	D'Angelo Ponds	CB	Indiana
52.	Jacob Rodriguez	LB	Texas Tech
53.	Joshua Josephs	Edge	Tennessee
54.	Romello Height	Edge	Texas Tech
55.	Keith Abney II	CB	Arizona State
56.	Chase Bisontis	OL	Texas A&M
57.	Omar Cooper Jr.	WR	Indiana
58.	Jadarian Price	RB	Notre Dame
59.	Malachi Fields	WR	Notre Dame
60.	Trinidad Chambliss	QB	Ole Miss
61.	Julian Neal	CB	Arkansas
62.	Germie Bernard	WR	Alabama
63.	Domonique Orange	DL	Iowa State
64.	Darrell Jackson Jr.	DL	Florida State
65.	A.J. Haulcy	S	LSU
66.	Caleb Tiernan	OT	Northwestern
67.	Dani Dennis-Sutton	Edge	Penn State
68.	Kamari Ramsey	S	USC
69.	Jonah Coleman	RB	Washington
70.	Elijah Sarratt	WR	Indiana
71.	Deion Burks	WR	Oklahoma
72.	Malik Muhammad	CB	Texas
73.	Josiah Trotter	LB	Missouri
74.	Isaiah World	OT	Oregon
75.	Malachi Lawrence	Edge	UCF
76.	Connor Lew	OL	Auburn
77.	Antonio Williams	WR	Clemson
78.	Keionte Scott	CB	Miami (Fla.)
79.	Derrick Moore	Edge	Michigan
80.	Gabe Jacas	Edge	Illinois
81.	Mike Washington Jr.	RB	Arkansas
82.	Jake Golday	LB	Cincinnati
83.	Michael Trigg	TE	Baylor
84.	Dontay Corleone	DL	Cincinnati
85.	Devin Moore	CB	Florida
86.	Nicholas Singleton	RB	Penn State
87.	Will Lee III	CB	Texas A&M
88.	Davison Igbinosun	CB	Ohio State
89.	Emmett Johnson	RB	Nebraska
90.	Deontae Lawson	LB	Alabama
91.	Joe Royer	TE	Cincinnati
92.	Tim Keenan III	DL	Alabama
93.	Skyler Bell	WR	UConn
94.	Jake Slaughter	OL	Florida
95.	Chandler Rivers	CB	Duke
96.	Zane Durant	DL	Penn State
97.	Ted Hurst	WR	Georgia State
98.	Zakee Wheatley	S	Penn State
99.	Anthony Lucas	Edge	USC
100.	Austin Barber	OT	Florida

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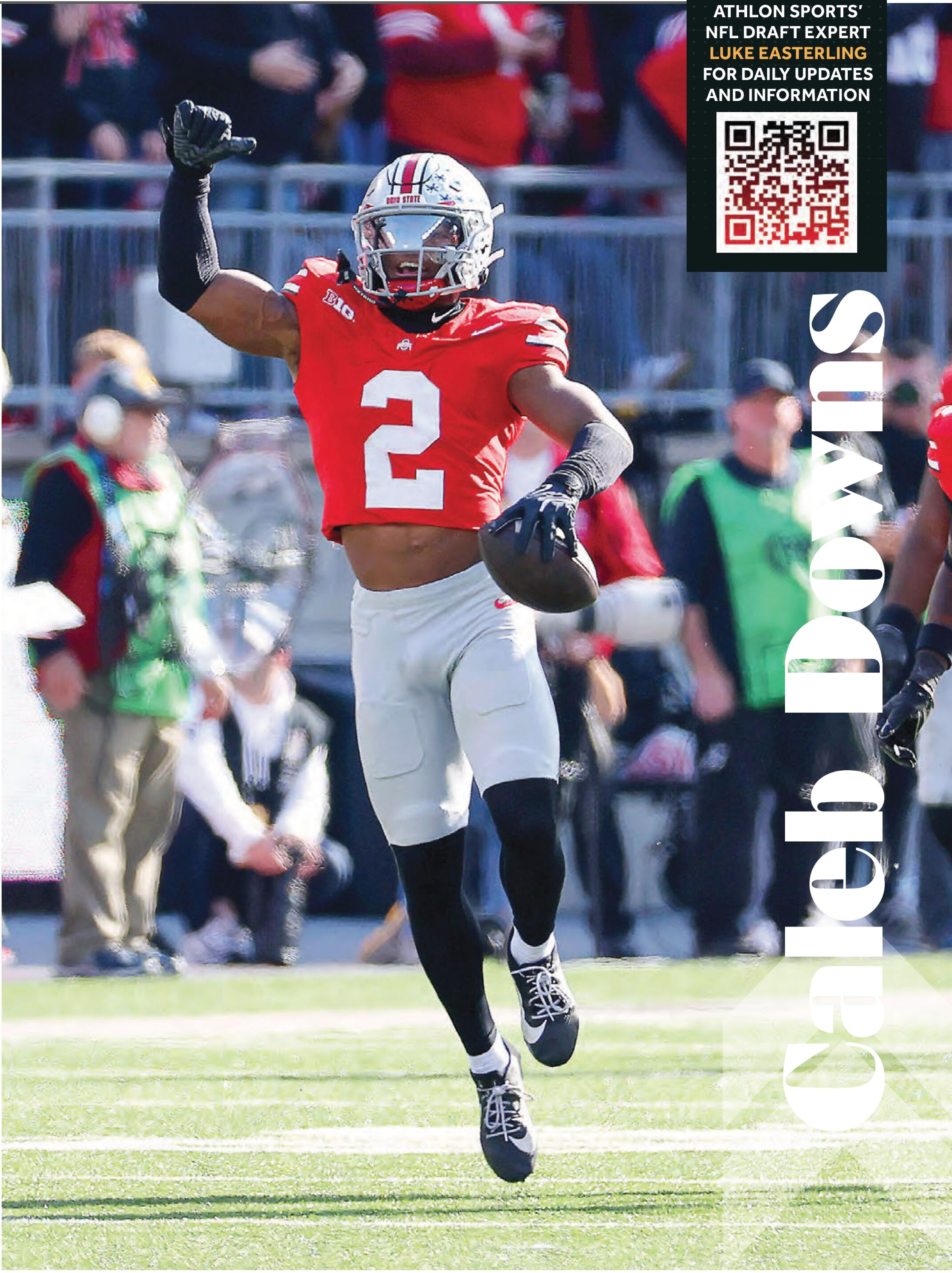

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2026 NFL MOCK DRAFT

1ST ROUND

1 Las Vegas Raiders

FERNANDO MENDOZA | QB | INDIANA

The Raiders desperately need a new franchise passer, and after winning the Heisman Trophy and a national title, Mendoza completes the trifecta as this year's top pick.

2 New York Jets

ARVELL REESE | EDGE | OHIO STATE

Without a worthy QB on the board, the Jets opt for value over reaching for need with an athletic and versatile weapon for head coach Aaron Glenn's defense.

3 Arizona Cardinals

RUEBEN BAIN JR. | EDGE | MIAMI (FLA.)

A right tackle could also make some sense for Arizona, but passing on a dominant edge rusher like Bain would be a risky move.

4 Tennessee Titans

DAVID BAILEY | EDGE | TEXAS TECH

New head coach Robert Saleh might not be able to pass up the explosiveness and production Bailey brings off the edge.

5 New York Giants

MANSOOR DELANE | CB | LSU

Offensive line help is needed, but Delane would give the Giants a shutdown presence they simply don't have at corner right now.

6 Cleveland Browns

SPENCER FANO | OT | UTAH

This offense needs a ton of help, but upgrading the offensive line is the top priority, and Fano would be an immediate upgrade at either tackle spot.

7 Washington Commanders

CALEB DOWNS | S | OHIO STATE

This defense needs playmakers at every level, and landing the best player in the entire draft at this spot would be highway robbery.

8 New Orleans Saints

JEREMIYAH LOVE | RB | NOTRE DAME

They have bigger needs elsewhere, but Love is the best player on the board here and could give the Saints a seamless transition from Alvin Kamara.

9 Kansas City Chiefs

CARNELL TATE | WR | OHIO STATE

Patrick Mahomes needs more weapons, particularly a complete player like Tate, who could be his new go-to target after tight end Travis Kelce retires.

10 Cincinnati Bengals

KELDRIC FAULK | EDGE | AUBURN

With Trey Hendrickson headed for free agency, the Bengals add another massive edge rusher with rare athleticism and versatility to pair with 2025 first-rounder Shemar Stewart.

11 Miami Dolphins

JERMOD McCOY | CB | TENNESSEE

The Dolphins haven't had a true shutdown corner since trading away Jalen Ramsey, and McCoy looked like a superstar before missing last season with a knee injury.

12 Dallas Cowboys

MAKAI LEMON | WR | USC

If the Cowboys can't pay to keep George Pickens, Lemon would be an ideal replacement as Dak Prescott's No. 2 receiver opposite CeeDee Lamb.

13 Los Angeles Rams (via Atlanta)

FRANCIS MAUIGOA | OT | MIAMI (FLA.)

Rob Havenstein turns 34 in May, and Mauigoa would be the perfect candidate to replace the veteran and keep the right tackle spot locked down for years to come.

14 Baltimore Ravens

JORDYN TYSON | WR | ARIZONA STATE

There are some big needs on defense, but Lamar Jackson could use another high-end WR to pair with Zay Flowers, and Tyson would be a solid value pick.

15 Tampa Bay Buccaneers

SONNY STYLES | LB | OHIO STATE

Even if future Hall of Famer Lavonte David returns in 2026, the Bucs need another stud linebacker like Styles to build the next generation of their defense.

16 New York Jets (via Indianapolis)

PETER WOODS | DL | CLEMSON

After trading away Quinnen Williams, the Jets need a disruptive force like Woods to replace his impact along the interior of the defensive front.

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17 Detroit Lions

CASHIUS HOWELL | EDGE | TEXAS A&M

The Lions need a blue-chip edge rusher to line up across from Aidan Hutchinson, and Howell is an absolute game-wrecker.

18 Minnesota Vikings

EMMANUEL McNEIL-WARREN | S | TOLEDO

Future Hall of Famer Harrison Smith is likely to retire, and McNeil-Warren has all the traits to be a worthy successor on the back end of the Minnesota defense.

19 Carolina Panthers

KENYON SADIQ | TE | OREGON

Giving Bryce Young as many weapons as possible isn't a bad idea, and Sadiq has the athleticism and physicality to be a mismatch weapon.

20 Dallas Cowboys (via Green Bay)

COLTON HOOD | CB | TENNESSEE

After Trevon Diggs' regression and departure, the Cowboys need to find another top-flight corner like Hood to make big plays in the secondary.

21 Pittsburgh Steelers

TY SIMPSON | QB | ALABAMA

Simpson still needs more experience and polish, but the Steelers could be patient with his development if Aaron Rodgers returns for another year.

22 Los Angeles Chargers

OLAIVAVEGA IOANE | OL | PENN STATE

Protecting Justin Herbert has to be the Chargers' top priority, and Ioane is a dominant force along the interior who would be an immediate upgrade at guard.

23 Philadelphia Eagles

AVIEON TERRELL | CB | CLEMSON

Eagles general manager Howie Roseman loves to let value fall into his lap, regardless of need, and Terrell is an undersized but competitive ball hawk who would fit that bill.

24 Cleveland Browns (via Jacksonville)

DENZEL BOSTON | WR | WASHINGTON

This offense could use an upgrade over Jerry Jeudy at the WR1 spot, and Boston's combination of size and athleticism would make him an ideal fit.

25 Chicago Bears

KAYDEN McDONALD | DL | OHIO STATE

This defense needs a dominant force in the trenches, and McDonald checks every box as both a run stuffer and an interior pass rusher.

26 Buffalo Bills

T.J. PARKER | EDGE | CLEMSON

If they can't land a new WR1 for Josh Allen here, grabbing a complete edge defender like Parker would be a huge win on the other side of the ball.

27 San Francisco 49ers

CJ ALLEN | LB | GEORGIA

Fred Warner should be back to his old self in 2026, but Allen would give the 49ers arguably the best pair of off-ball linebackers in the league.

28 Houston Texans

CALEB LOMU | OT | UTAH

C.J. Stroud needs more help up front, and Lomu would pair with Aireontae Ersery to lock down the bookend spots for years to come.

29 Los Angeles Rams

KC CONCEPCION | WR | TEXAS A&M

Davante Adams is getting older and dealing with nagging injuries, which could lead the Rams to target a big-play receiver like Concepcion to replace him opposite Puka Nacua.

30 Denver Broncos

MONROE FREELING | OT | GEORGIA

Denver needs a long-term replacement for veteran Garett Bolles at left tackle, and Freeling's size and athleticism give him limitless upside.

***31** New England Patriots

AKHEEM MESIDOR | EDGE | MIAMI (FLA.)

The Pats need a dynamic edge rusher who can make a big impact in clutch moments, and Mesidor's toughness would be a perfect fit for Mike Vrabel's crew.

***32** Seattle Seahawks

LEE HUNTER | DL | TEXAS TECH

This defense is already one of the most dominant in the NFL, and adding a massive mauler like Hunter in the trenches would make it borderline unfair.

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2026 NFL MOCK DRAFT

2ND ROUND

33 New York Jets

BRANDON CISSE | CB | SOUTH CAROLINA

Trading away Sauce Gardner left the Jets without a shut-down corner, and Cisse's 2025 campaign proved he can dominate top competition.

34 Arizona Cardinals

KADYN PROCTOR | OT | ALABAMA

Proctor has a rare size/athleticism combo and first-round talent, but he needs a ton of refinement, making him a boom-or-bust pick.

35 Tennessee Titans

ZACHARIAH BRANCH | WR | GEORGIA

Quarterback Cam Ward needs more weapons, and Branch has rare explosiveness that could make him an immediate superstar in Tennessee.

36 Las Vegas Raiders

GENNINGS DUNKER | OT | IOWA

After grabbing their new quarterback, the Raiders upgrade their offensive line with a punishing road-grader at right tackle in Dunker.

37 New York Giants

BLAKE MILLER | OT | CLEMSON

Protecting Jaxson Dart has to be a top priority, and Miller would be an instant upgrade at right tackle opposite Andrew Thomas.

38 Houston Texans (via Washington)

EMMANUEL PREGNON | OL | WASHINGTON

The reinforcements keep coming for Houston's offensive line, as Pregnon gives the Texans a huge addition along the interior.

39 Cleveland Browns

CHRIS JOHNSON | CB | SAN DIEGO STATE

Martin Emerson Jr. is headed for free agency, and Denzel Ward has struggled to stay healthy, which could lead the Browns to spend an early pick on a high-upside corner.

40 Kansas City Chiefs

CALEB BANKS | DL | FLORIDA

The Chiefs would be wise to invest in an eventual replacement for Chris Jones, and Banks has the rare size, athleticism and physicality to be the ideal understudy.

41 Cincinnati Bengals

DILLON THIENEMAN | S | OREGON

After addressing the trenches in the first round, the Bengals acquire another defensive playmaker, this time in the secondary.

42 New Orleans Saints

ANTHONY HILL JR. | LB | TEXAS

Demario Davis isn't getting any younger, and Hill would be a fantastic value pick who could make an immediate impact in the starting lineup.

43 Miami Dolphins

CHRIS BELL | WR | LOUISVILLE

Bell is coming off a torn ACL, but he would've been a first-round pick otherwise, making him a potential steal as a replacement option if Tyreek Hill ends up elsewhere.

44 New York Jets (via Dallas)

CHRIS BRAZZELL II | WR | TENNESSEE

The Jets need to upgrade the WR2 spot opposite Garrett Wilson, and Brazzell possesses an intriguing blend of size and speed.

45 Baltimore Ravens

ZION YOUNG | EDGE | MISSOURI

Baltimore desperately needs an impact edge rusher, and Young has the explosiveness and power to be the perfect match.

46 Tampa Bay Buccaneers

R MASON THOMAS | EDGE | OKLAHOMA

The Bucs' pass rush continues to disappoint, and it needs a disruptive finisher like Thomas to jump-start the entire group and set a new tone for head coach Todd Bowles and company.

47 Indianapolis Colts

LT OVERTON | EDGE | ALABAMA

Laiatu Latu has shown some promise, but Overton's size, athleticism and versatility would give the Colts another talented front-line defender with tons of upside.

48 Atlanta Falcons

JA'KOBI LANE | WR | USC

Drake London is one of the NFL's best young receivers, but Lane would give the Falcons an upgrade at the WR2 spot with another big, athletic target.

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49 Minnesota Vikings
D'ANGELO PONDS | CB | INDIANA

Undersized but competitive, Ponds would give Vikings defensive coordinator Brian Flores a versatile big-play defender in the secondary.

50 Detroit Lions
CHASE BISONTIS | OL | TEXAS A&M

Injuries and retirements could leave the Lions thin in the offensive trenches, and Bisontis has the punishing mentality that head coach Dan Campbell loves.

51 Carolina Panthers
MAX IHEANACHOR | OT | ARIZONA STATE

Taylor Moton turns 32 in August, and Iheanachor has the athleticism and physicality to develop into a high-quality replacement at his right tackle spot.

52 Green Bay Packers
JULIAN NEAL | CB | ARKANSAS

This defense needs more playmakers at corner, and Neal brings the size, length and physicality the Packers value at the position.

53 Pittsburgh Steelers
OMAR COOPER JR. | WR | INDIANA

The DK Metcalf trade was a huge win, but the Steelers still need a legit WR2, and Cooper has all the traits to be the ideal candidate.

54 Philadelphia Eagles
CALEB TIERNAN | OT | NORTHWESTERN

Injuries and inconsistency continue to plague the Eagles in the offensive trenches, and Tiernan would bolster their depth with starting potential at multiple spots.

55 Los Angeles Chargers
ROMELLO HEIGHT | EDGE | TEXAS TECH

The Chargers need to replace Khalil Mack with another explosive pass rusher, and Height's undersized frame hasn't stopped him from putting up big numbers.

56 Jacksonville Jaguars
CONNOR LEW | OL | AUBURN

Trevor Lawrence needs better protection if the Jags want to go deeper in the postseason, and Lew would be a significant upgrade at center.

57 Chicago Bears
A.J. HAULCY | S | LSU

Kevin Byard III and Jaquan Brisker are both free agents, but Haulcy could replace either of them with his versatile skill set and playmaking ability.

58 San Francisco 49ers
MALACHI FIELDS | WR | NOTRE DAME

If Jauan Jennings and Brandon Aiyuk both depart this offseason, Fields' combination of size and physicality would help dull the losses for quarterback Brock Purdy.

59 Houston Texans
CHRISTEN MILLER | DL | GEORGIA

DeMeco Ryans' defense doesn't need much, but a disruptive interior presence like Miller would make their dominant unit even scarier.

60 Buffalo Bills
GERMIE BERNARD | WR | ALABAMA

Josh Allen needs a reliable target he can count on in critical situations, and Bernard has a well-rounded skill set that could allow him to take on that role.

61 Los Angeles Rams
KEITH ABNEY II | CB | ARIZONA STATE

The Rams need to find another starting-caliber corner in this draft, and Abney has the athleticism and ball skills to make an immediate impact.

62 Denver Broncos
DARRELL JACKSON JR. | DL | FLORIDA STATE

They have more glaring needs elsewhere, but guarding against future departures along the defensive line with a versatile interior force like Jackson would be smart.

***63** New England Patriots
ELIJAH SARRATT | WR | INDIANA

Finding Drake Maye a go-to target in clutch situations should be a top priority, and Sarratt was that kind of receiver for the national champs.

***64** Seattle Seahawks
JONAH COLEMAN | RB | WASHINGTON

Kenneth Walker III's contract is up, and Zach Charbonnet will be coming off a serious knee injury, so Coleman could be an ideal investment who fits Seattle's physical ground game.

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DO-IT-ALL DOWNS

CALEB DOWNS IS READY TO BE THE NFL'S NEXT ELITE DEFENDER

BY DOUG FARRAR

In the modern NFL, defense is more about deception than ever before. The old "four-down until you blitz" paradigms are out the window; now, teams are putting their linemen and linebackers in every kind of alignment imaginable to mess with offensive protections, and those linemen and linebackers are stunting (moving from gap to gap in choreographed fashion) to further confuse pass protectors and run blockers.

Deception has become even more the order of the day in defensive backfields. The old "free" and "strong" designations for safeties barely exist anymore, and cornerbacks are now asked to be far more interchangeable between outside and the slot. Coverage switches, in which safeties move from two-high looks pre-snap to one-high looks post-snap and vice versa, have become the rule as opposed to the exception.

All of this deception has mandated the rise of defensive backs who can truly do it all. At the NFL level, Kyle Hamilton of the Baltimore Ravens, Brian Branch of the Detroit Lions, Minkah Fitzpatrick of the Miami Dolphins and Nick Emmanwori of the Seattle Seahawks have become prominent stars because of their versatility as opposed to their ability in one defined position. These players can roam everywhere from the box to the slot to single-high and two-high concepts, and they can even soak up reps at outside cornerback.

> **I FEEL LIKE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO MAKE PLAYS AT ANY LEVEL OF THE FIELD, WHETHER THAT'S MAN, ZONE, IN THE BOX, IN THE POST, IN THE DEEP PART OF THE FIELD.**

Which makes it the ideal time for Ohio State defensive back Caleb Downs to enter the draft. Because Downs has already proven that he can do it all in a Buckeyes defense under coordinator Matt Patricia that mirrors the next level in complexity and effectiveness.

In one year (2023) with Alabama, and through the next two seasons at Ohio State, Downs allowed a total of 79 catches on 122 targets for 812 yards, two touchdowns, six interceptions, seven pass breakups and an opponent NFL passer rating of 68.8. Downs also totaled 213 solo tackles, 96 stops, 16 tackles for a loss and two forced fumbles, as well as two sacks and nine pressures on only 60 pass-rushing snaps.

In each of his three collegiate seasons, Downs played at least 146 snaps apiece in the box, the slot and at deep safety. In his 2025 season, he became a bit more of a deep safety for the Buckeyes, lining up 63% of the time in the deep third (17% as a single-high safety and 46% as a two-deep defender), 21% in the slot, 8% in the box and 8% at outside cornerback.

Wherever Patricia put him, Downs was ready to create all kinds of havoc.

"I feel like defense is not just, hey, I line up every play, and you know where I am," Downs told *Athlon Sports*. "And you know where I'm at every play. I feel like it's moving pieces around and making the offense see different pictures. Coach Patricia, he uses the term, 'Simple for us, hard for them.' At the end of the day, if I'm in all these different positions and doing different things at different positions, the quarterback is having to think about that every play.

"'Okay, he's the boundary safety this play, close to the line of scrimmage this play. He's in the post this play. He's dropped down 10 yards over the apex in the middle of the field. He could run the alley on this play. He could play the post. He could do all these different things. He's at nickel this play. He could blitz. He could play coverage. He could play zone. What are they?'

"They're having to go through that every play. And I feel like that's something that makes DBs special, but also coaches have to be able to move the chess pieces around and be able to do that at a high level. And that's why I appreciated Coach Patricia. I feel like that was a big thing. And for myself, I feel like I've always been able to make plays at any level of the field, whether that's man, zone, in the box, in the post, in the deep part of the field.

GETTING DOWN WITH ...

Playing the slot

"It really is just being able to read or recognize the routes based off the release of the receiver," Downs said. "A lot of playing in the slot is being able to know where your help is. If I have two people that are helping me on the inside, I'm going to rely on that and use them as much as I can. So I'm going to play low and outside and be able to force the ball and force the receiver to go to my help."

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"That was a big positive learning his system and seeing how he was going to use me. So I feel like that just shows versatility and [how NFL] teams can use me in a lot of different ways."

It also helped that in 2023 at Alabama, when he won SEC Freshman of the Year, Downs got to work with head coach Nick Saban, one of the finest defensive minds of his (or any) era. Saban helped to invent match coverage decades ago, and every defensive back under his tutelage was going to come out with a fuller understanding of the requirements of the positions.

"I learned more about just being consistent and having discipline," Downs said of Saban. "Not just the things that he taught to the team, but that you saw him do every day. He ate the same oatmeal raisin cookie every day. He wore two or three outfits every week. Consistently making sure that you're doing certain things to allow you to succeed. And some of those things are small, but they make a huge impact.

"And then on the field — I mean, the intensity that he brought every day and attention to detail, that's what made him special. Being able to uphold that standard that everybody around him has to get to to be around him.

"Because as he says, high achievers can't really be around people that don't achieve high things. So just being able to pull people to the standard you're trying to get to, I feel like that's what made him special as a coach. And then on the field, yeah, everybody knows his football mind, being able to articulate offense and defense. And then in terms of defense, recruiting the best players and then being able to get everybody on the same page and play the game at a high level."

GETTING DOWN WITH ...

Reading the quarterback

Downs says that in coverage, wherever he is, the common denominator is his ability to read the quarterback, who will tell him just about everything about where the ball is going. From there, you "feel the route" the receiver is running.

"You're reading the quarterback's tempo in terms of how his shoulders are turned and when he hits his back foot," Downs said. "If he hits his back foot pretty quick, it's usually not a deeper progression. If he hits his back foot really early, it's usually a three-step drop or a quick game or something that's going to happen really quick and he's going to throw it. If he hits his back foot and he doesn't end up throwing the ball, he's going to turn back and work through his progression and get through a checkdown [to a deeper throw]."

GETTING DOWN WITH ...

Using his speed

Downs can simply match his receiver wherever he goes. Downs' place-to-place speed is outstanding for his size (6-foot and 205 pounds), which gives him the comfort and confidence to carry any receiver to anywhere on the field. That demon speed also helps him when it's time to blitz as a free runner. Downs didn't do that a lot, but when he did, it generally worked, and one could see his NFL team expanding that as part of his professional palette.

"I feel like that's kind of been something I've been blessed with, just the ability to accelerate at eye level," he said. "I can't really take credit for that. At the end of the day, my dad did a good job training me and my brother and my sister when we were kids. So I feel like I got to give him credit for that. But I ran track when I was younger, prior to when I was nine or 10. And then I kind of pulled away from that, which is not the best thing to do."

What Downs also possesses to accentuate that speed is an inherent understanding of what he's seeing. He can read and react quickly as opposed to over-processing, which allows him to just go and blow up the play.

FROM LEFT: ADAM CAIRNS/COLUMBUS DISPATCH; SAMANTHA MADAR/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

The origins of Downs' football smarts and overall talent are easy to detect. His father Gary was a star running back at NC State who also played in the NFL from 1994-2000, and he's also been a longtime coach who trained his sons for success. Caleb's brother, Josh, is a star receiver with the Indianapolis Colts who has amassed 2,140 receiving yards and 11 touchdowns over three seasons. His uncle, Dre' Bly, played cornerback in the NFL from 1999-2009, winning a Super Bowl ring and earning two Pro Bowl nods along the way.

So, when it comes to envisioning a successful NFL career, Caleb Downs doesn't need to imagine anything — the paradigm is all around him.

"Just being able to believe in something, knowing that these opportunities and these things that seem as far away when you're a kid, they're possible," Downs said. "I mean, people around you have accomplished them, and they know the steps to get there. So I feel like having that around me as a kid made me believe that maybe not necessarily every step of the way will be exactly as they say, but they've pretty much been through exactly what I'm looking to go through.

"So I think it's been a huge positive for me, and they all have allowed me to rely on them in a lot of different ways."

Downs is also driven by the faith that permeates through his family; it's what has allowed him to keep a level head during the most frantic time of his life.

"It changes the way you think about things," he said. "It changes how you're viewing life. More so than just football, am I walking in the way that I'm supposed to walk in terms of the way that Jesus walked, or am I following the worldly paths? Being able to discern where my head's at daily, what type of thoughts go through my head, and trying to make sure that I'm not feeding myself with whatever the worldly, continual, sinful nature is in terms of everything that goes on.

"Trying to keep my mind on the kingdom, and keep my mind on acting holy and righteous in terms of thoughts. So I feel like that shapes everything off the field, and just trying to walk a righteous life on the field."

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GETTING DOWN WITH ...

Driving to the ball

It's all about getting to the ball and disrupting the route, which Downs does as well as anybody. He forced two fumbles in Ohio State's 24-14 loss to Miami (Fla.) in the College Football Playoff quarterfinal, and both were on quick underneath passes to Hurricanes sensation Malachi Toney (the Canes recovered both fumbles). When driving to the ball, Downs said, you must know what your opponents' tendencies are. If you don't, you're going to be covering grass as opposed to receivers.

"A lot of their third-down concepts were option routes to Toney, and just trying to find ways to get him in space," he said. "So I knew that once I rolled down from two-high to one-high, [quarterback Carson] Beck was going to go wherever he felt like the best matchup was.

"For him, usually that was Toney. So once I rolled down, I was really just reading Carson Beck, seeing where his eyes went, and they went there pretty fast. So I just put my foot in the ground, knowing that the sticks [the first down] were going to be pretty close to where I was. Couldn't really just let him run me over, so I had to deliver."

Throughout his football career, Caleb Downs has always delivered. His NFL team should find that it's no different when his professional journey begins.

Downs' NFL path will also be smoother due to the fact that Ohio State played what amounted to an NFL defense in terms of its complexities and responsibilities. From stunts and blitzes at the line to coverage concepts that change in the blink of an eye, there isn't much that will be beyond Downs' experience.

"I think it'll be a big positive for me," Downs concluded. "At least in being able to understand everything that's going on. I think it'll help my learning curve. I've had three different defensive coordinators in three different years. That's three different systems to be able to learn from. I'm glad that I got a chance to learn from Coach P [Patricia] and everything that he does. I feel like that helped my development and being able to push myself to learn that. I'm excited."

The Fit Is the Thing

WHAT STYLES BEST SUIT THIS YEAR'S QUARTERBACK PROSPECTS?

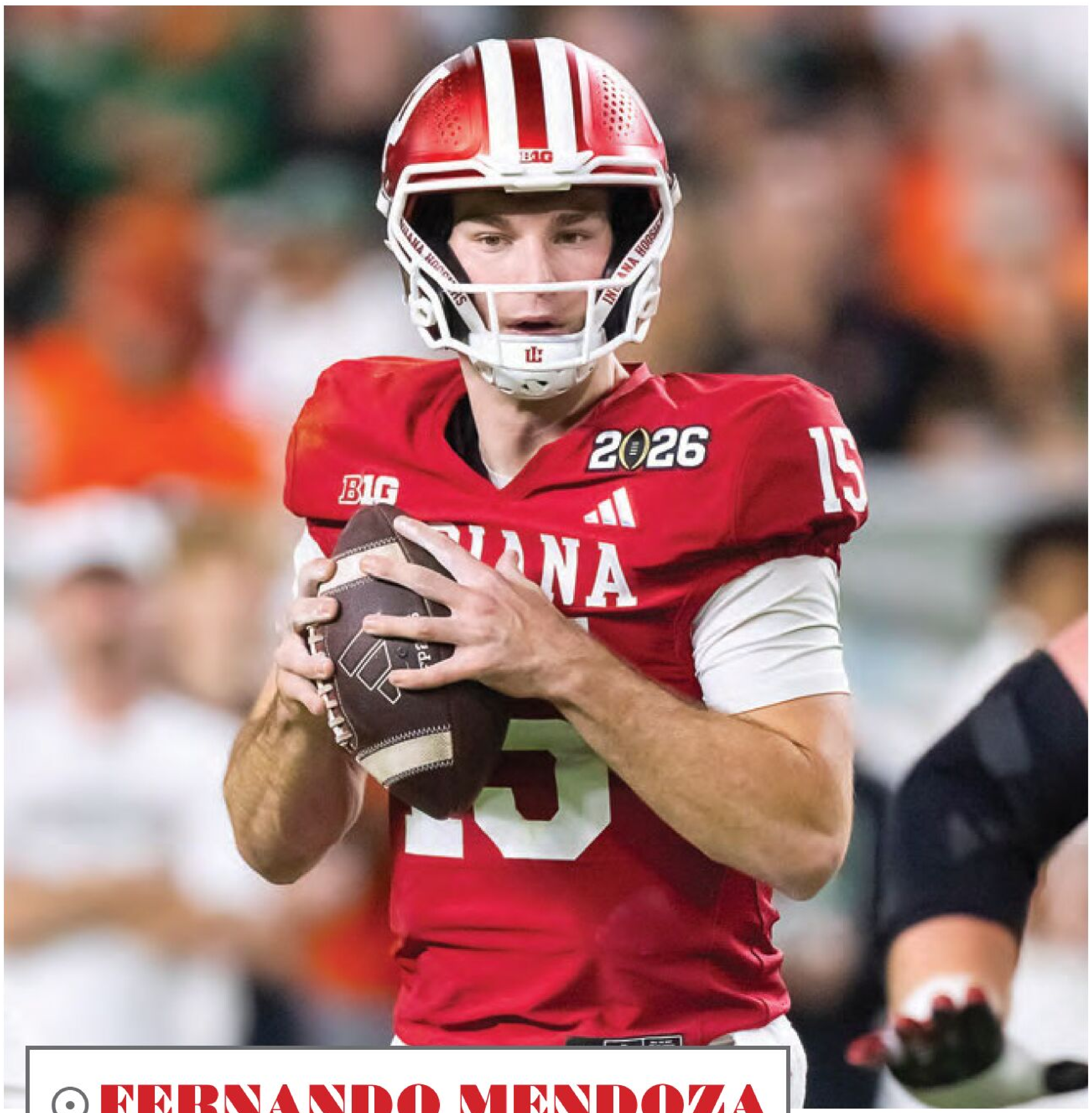
BY DOUG FARRAR

Some quarterback classes are tall; others are deep. It's rare that you have a quarterback class that can claim to be both. The 2024 class spoiled us in that regard, with Caleb Williams, Jayden Daniels, Drake Maye, Michael Penix Jr., J.J. McCarthy and Bo Nix in the first 12 picks alone. When you get six early NFL starters in one class, that's highly unusual.

The 2025 class appeared to be deeper than tall, with first overall pick Cam Ward and 25th overall pick Jaxson Dart as the only first-rounders, some intriguing developmental prospects in the later rounds, and Shedeur Sanders shocking everybody by lasting until the fifth round (144th overall).

On its face, the 2026 QB class is much taller than wide, with one sure-fire prospect — Indiana's Fernando Mendoza — and several quarterbacks with question marks that they'll have to overcome to maximize their potential at the next level.

To that end, we've tried to find the best coaching and schematic fits for every prominent quarterback in this class. Because at the quarterback position more than any other, the fit is the thing.



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FERNANDO MENDOZA

INDIANA

In 2025, Mendoza completed 273-of-379 passes (72.0%) for 3,535 yards (9.3 yards per attempt), 41 touchdowns, six interceptions and an NFL passer rating of 129.4. He ran the ball 76 times for 377 yards (excluding sacks), seven touchdowns and five fumbles.

In a recent interview with *Athlon Sports*, former NFL star quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III referred to Mendoza as "The Supercomputer," and there's a lot to that description. Most of us have seen the viral videos in which Mendoza breaks down plays and concepts at a forensic level, and it all shows up on the field.

Against all the obstacles that can befuddle young NFL quarterbacks, Mendoza seems to have it on lock. He's marvelous against the blitz; he re-sets mentally when defenses throw simulated pressures at him; and he has no issue flipping the script when opponents show him disguised coverage — where the safeties rotate from pre- to post-snap.

Mendoza has said that he's at his best when he avoids trying to be Superman and sticks with the point guard/ball distributor aspects of his game. That's true, but he's been great with the deep passing game. Mendoza completed 29-of-55 passes of 20 or more air yards in the 2025 season for 955 yards, 11 touchdowns, one interception and an NFL passer rating of 130.1.

While Mendoza is functionally mobile, nobody will ever mistake him for Lamar Jackson. He's at his best when he's moving around in the pocket and throwing from there; from inside the pocket in 2025, he completed 259-of-338 passes for 3,213 yards, an NCAA-high 38 touchdowns, five interceptions and an NFL passer rating of 136.9 — also the NCAA's best.

Are there potential barriers? In the wrong offense, perhaps. Though he does have good in-pocket movement, he's nobody's idea of a mobile quarterback. On throws outside the pocket in 2025, Mendoza completed just 24-of-50 passes for 324 yards, three touchdowns, one interception and a passer rating of 80.8.

Mendoza was throwing weird incompletions outside the pocket against Old Dominion last season, so imagine what it will look like when it's time to deal with NFL defenses that force you to leave the safety of your home.

It's difficult if not impossible to succeed in today's NFL if you can't leave the pocket when needed to a degree, and Mendoza can do it functionally, if not impressively. And his movement within the pocket is NFL-ready. Any offense with an above-average line and well-developed receivers would benefit more from Mendoza's acumen than from any other quarterback in this class.

Just don't ask him to be a run-around guy.

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In 2025, Chambliss completed 294-of-445 passes (66.1%) for 3,937 yards (9.1 yards per attempt), 22 touchdowns, three interceptions and an NFL passer rating of 106.9. He ran the ball 130 times for 585 yards (excluding sacks), eight touchdowns and three fumbles.

⊙ TRINIDAD CHAMBLISS*

OLE MISS

Throwing on the move is his strength, but let's not get carried away and assume that's all Chambliss does. In 2025, on throws outside the pocket, he completed 37-of-64 passes for 500 yards, four touchdowns, one interception and an NFL passer rating of 97.1. From the pocket, he completed 257-of-381 passes for 3,437 yards, 18 touchdowns, two interceptions and a passer rating of 109.4.

Outside the pocket, Chambliss generally has a good sense of when to align his body to the target to maintain his mechanics. This allows him to make tight-window throws. He will also make progression reads and throw with anticipation when on the move.

From the pocket, Chambliss shows a complete understanding of his offense. He will make spot throws to designed openings, anticipation throws to opening coverage windows and tight-window throws with impressive accuracy. Pocket movement is not a problem at all — he can re-set his base easily to make throws from the pocket without getting frantic and bailing.

Chambliss is outstanding against the blitz. In 2025, when five or more pass rushers came after him, he completed 120-of-195 passes for 1,541 yards, 14 touchdowns, no interceptions and a passer rating of 110.2. He goes through his reads when he knows pressure's coming, and he doesn't hurry his throw when he's about to get hit. He can make velocity throws even when his throwing motion is truncated. He lacks a howitzer for an arm, but there's enough arm talent for Chambliss to make downfield throws both with velocity and touch. In 2025, on throws of 20 or more air yards, he completed 28-of-55 passes for 987 yards, five touchdowns, two interceptions and a passer rating of 111.7. He's also hyper-efficient to the intermediate parts of the field.

Chambliss has no issue taking off if the defense gives him obvious run lanes, and he's both quick and fast when on the move and also intelligent enough to know when to slide.

His lack of height (6-0) isn't a fatal flaw, though there are times when he has trouble seeing his downfield options over all the big guys. Like Russell Wilson and Drew Brees, he might be better off with more subtle pocket movement to open throwing windows. Similarly, most of his sacks come when he's trying to hitch up in the pocket.

Chambliss' highlights may have you thinking that he's mostly a thrower on the move, but he's not. In fact, I would like to see his NFL team give him more options outside the pocket because he would benefit in multiple ways. The arm isn't "special," but Chambliss understands the nuances of the position as a thrower, and the game doesn't ever seem like it's over his head. Peak Wilson is a good comparison.

**At press time, Chambliss was appealing for an extra season of eligibility at Ole Miss.*

In 2025, Simpson completed 305-of-473 passes (64.5%) for 3,567 yards (7.5 yards per attempt), 28 touchdowns, five interceptions and an NFL passer rating of 102.6. He ran the ball 70 times for 292 yards (excluding sacks), two touchdowns and seven fumbles.

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TY SIMPSON

ALABAMA

When Simpson has a clean pocket and time to go through his progressions, he has an above-average arm, and he's capable of throwing to all areas of the field with good velocity. He also has good touch when he needs to layer throws, though the touch passes can be off-target when there's no reason for them to be.

Simpson is not overly reliant on the NCAA's wide hashmarks to make timed throws over the middle — when throwing over the middle in 2025, he completed 81-of-118 passes for 933 yards, nine touchdowns, two interceptions and an NFL passer rating of 110.6. While the accuracy issues happen over the middle as well, Simpson likely won't face a serious adjustment in the NFL when the field is more compressed.

Alabama didn't use a ton of RPOs to get to the passing game, but when it did, Simpson proved to be a capable runner on designed and option concepts, and he has reasonable movement skills when he's evading pressure.

Simpson is more of a see-it-and-throw-it guy than a true anticipation thrower. He will leave opportunities on the field as a result, and his NFL coaching staff will need to design as many first-read openings as possible. This is not a death sentence — Los Angeles Rams head coach Sean McVay did that for Jared Goff in 2017 to basically save his career — but it may take a while for Simpson to throw with progression reads and anticipation accuracy. He will mistime simple slants and other underneath crossing routes too often.

On deep passes and other contested one-on-one situations, Simpson asks his receivers to do a lot of the work. He's not consistently accurate to the target, and as such, his targets will have to expand their catch radii to make the most of those opportunities. He's more of an "in the vicinity" thrower than a dead-on accuracy thrower downfield.

When pressured in 2025, Simpson completed 58-of-120 passes for 703 yards, four touchdowns, one interception and a passer rating of 74.4. When he's not blitzed — blitzes allow him to find easy openings — Simpson will tend to hurry his process, make arm-angle throws that aren't consistent (he doesn't re-set well when bumped off his spot) and become wildly inaccurate at times. It should also be mentioned that Simpson was pressured on 166 dropbacks in 2025, and while he was responsible for some of that, he could do well with a better pass-blocking offensive line.

Two terms often misunderstood and misused are system quarterback and game manager. Every quarterback is a system quarterback to some degree, and every quarterback needs to manage the game. But what we generally mean with these terms is a quarterback who won't typically transcend his circumstances — he will need things around him to be a certain way.

At this point in his process, Simpson is very much that kind of quarterback. And given his one year of NCAA starting experience, he could be completely derailed if he goes to an NFL team whose offense is more execution-based than schematically set up for success. Ideally, Simpson will land in a place with somebody from the Shanahan school (or an adjunct) who can refine the rough spots and optimize his skill set.

GARRETT NUSSMEIER
LSU

In 2025, Nussmeier completed 194-of-288 passes (67.4%) for 1,927 yards (6.7 yards per attempt), 12 touchdowns, five interceptions and an NFL passer rating of 92.8. He ran the ball 24 times for 64 yards (excluding sacks), one touchdown and one fumble.

If you want a quarterback who can create outside the pocket, you will find Nussmeier very interesting. It was a feature throughout his college career, and even in his injury-shortened season of 2025, he completed 22-of-37 passes outside the pocket for 244 yards, two touchdowns, one interception and an NFL passer rating of 85.9. Second-reaction plays are a mixed bag — he runs boot-action very well with an easy mobility when his mechanics are right, and he can hurl the ball into tight windows when everything's aligned. But Nussmeier will drift back in the pocket at times, which affects velocity and accuracy. His NFL coaches will need to refine his functional mobility.

As you would expect from the son of a former NFL quarterback and longtime offensive coordinator, Nussmeier can read through progressions well, and he has a good sense of what to take from defenses. He's not just a checkdown artist; he will make tight-window throws from the pocket when reading through.

At times, Nussmeier believes that he can make throws he really shouldn't, getting him into trouble. When he throws with anticipation, it's fine, but when he's playing the "see it and throw it" game, he'll deliver the ball late into windows, and negative plays often result. Nussmeier can also throw high, which speaks to mechanics that are not always consistent.

There is a rogue element to Nussmeier's play that provides occasionally amazing and occasionally regrettable results. He'll be best-suited to a system and coaching staff that provide him with a defined structure to make those highlight plays, while at the same time minimizing the dangerous stuff. If you think of the Seattle Seahawks, Minnesota Vikings, Los Angeles Rams or Chicago Bears — heavy play-action and boot-action offenses with defined reads downfield — those would be ideal landing spots. Nussmeier may need a redshirt NFL season, but he does have all the physical tools.

CARSON BECK
MIAMI (FLA.)

In 2025, Beck completed 338-of-467 passes (72.4%) for 3,813 yards (8.2 yards per attempt), 30 touchdowns, 12 interceptions and an NFL passer rating of 106.7. He ran the ball 55 times for 158 yards (excluding sacks), two touchdowns and two fumbles.

Given Beck's experience in college — he was a true freshman at Georgia in 2020 — you'd think that the Malcolm Gladwell theory about 10,000 hours of deliberate practice turning anybody into an expert would kick in. With Beck, the answer is both yes and no.

On the plus side, he can throw with both touch and velocity downfield into tight windows and through route combinations. He can progression-read to a point, and while the anticipation aspect of his throwing game isn't perfect, it's there. Beck doesn't have first-tier mobility, but he's perfectly fine on scrambles, RPOs and the occasional tush push. When throwing outside the pocket in the 2025 season, Beck completed 10-of-19 passes for 181 yards, four touchdowns, no interceptions and an NFL passer rating of 125.2. His NFL coaches might want to expand that part of his game.

From within the pocket (328 completions on 448 attempts for 3,634 yards, 26 touchdowns, 12 interceptions and an NFL passer rating of 105.1), Beck is more of a mixed bag. You'd expect a quarterback with this much experience to possess more consistent vision, but Beck struggles with eliminating what isn't there in coverage and isolating what is there. He needs a better GPS to tell him when the throw is a bad idea.

Beck isn't a consistent anticipation thrower because he tends to see openings late, and when you're throwing to the opening as it happens, the opening disappears before the ball arrives. He'll also throw balls over the middle of the field that put his receivers in danger.

When Carson Wentz came out of FCS North Dakota State as the second pick in the 2016 draft, the Philadelphia Eagles' coaching staff did a commendable job of refining his athleticism while corralling and developing the parts of his game that were not NFL-ready. That included first-read open concepts that allowed Wentz to avoid waiting too long and thinking too much. Similarly, Beck would do well to develop in an offense where the concepts aren't advanced algebra — he needs to simplify his internal process, get the ball out at the right time and make that the play-to-play thing.

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DIEGO PAVIA

VANDERBILT

Pavia is a fascinating evaluation. While the raw numbers hint that he's NFL-ready, there's work to be done. The combination of explosiveness and efficiency in the deep passing game does show up — Pavia has a throwing motion where he's almost pushing the ball out of his hand, but he can make touch throws downfield with impressive accuracy. He's also capable of zipping the ball into converging coverage, and he does throw his receivers open with credible anticipation.

That said, Pavia did a lot of throwing to or outside the numbers with the Commodores, and that was with the benefit of the NCAA's wider hashmarks. When he's required to make bang-on throws over the middle of the field in the NFL's more constricted windows, that could be an adjustment. When Tennessee's Hendon Hooker was selected by the Detroit Lions in the third round of the 2023 draft, the transition from Josh Heupel's extreme spread offense to the NFL did not work.

Pavia did complete 77-of-89 passes in 2025 on throws over the middle for 1,021 yards, 10 touchdowns, one interception and an NFL passer rating of 147.2, and there were enough of those plays in condensed formations to make you think it's transferable. For a guy with a sawed-off, slightly squatty body type, Pavia doesn't appear to have trouble seeing things between the guards. He does struggle with disguised coverages, and he'll see a lot more of those in the NFL, so that will be high on the to-do list for his NFL coaching staff.

As a runner, Pavia provides value right away. Both on scrambles and designed runs, he's tough and quick in and out of run fits, and he has some downfield juice. He will default to running at times when he should stay in the pocket, but it's not an epidemic issue. In 2025, 48 of his completions came under pressure on 101 attempts for 551 yards, six touchdowns, two interceptions and a passer rating of 76.0.

Pavia doesn't exactly look the part. But he does meet the thresholds in most areas for NFL success in a system where he's allowed to build the passing game around his threat as a runner.

As far as Pavia's NFL transition, Robert Griffin III had this to say to *Athlon Sports*: "Yeah, you're talking to a guy who came from one of those spread offenses [at Baylor]. So what I would say is this — if you bring in a guy like myself, Diego Pavia, Joe Burrow was in that spread offense [at LSU], you need to bring in elements of that offense. The days of trying to fit a square peg in a round hole are over."

Griffin also said that Pavia reminded him of what Baker Mayfield has become with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and you could do a lot worse as a comparison. Give Pavia a complete passing game with shot plays off of play-action, let him be a bit reckless and train him at the same time to work within the system. Pavia has enough above the neck to make that happen over time.

In 2025, Pavia completed 267-of-378 passes (70.4%) for 3,539 yards (9.4 yards per attempt), 29 touchdowns, eight interceptions and an NFL passer rating of 116.7. He ran the ball 152 times for 983 yards (excluding sacks), 10 touchdowns and three fumbles.

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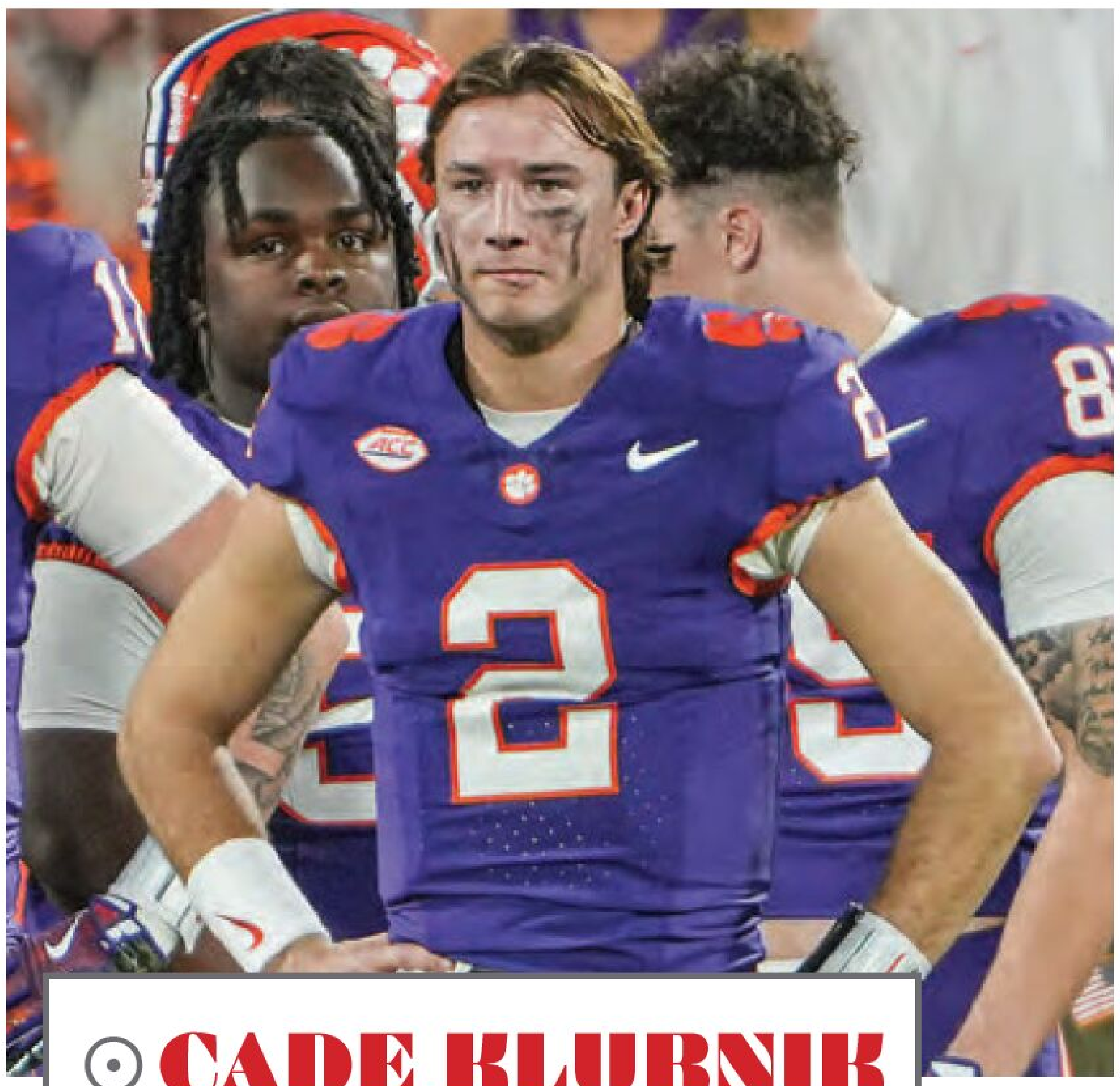

CADE KLUBNIK

CLEMSON

In 2025, Klubnik completed 257-of-392 passes (65.6%) for 2,943 yards (7.5 yards per attempt), 16 touchdowns, six interceptions and an NFL passer rating of 95.2. He ran the ball 69 for 223 yards (excluding sacks), four touchdowns and four fumbles.

When Klubnik gets in rooms with teams, the primary question will be: What's the deal with the fall-off in 2025? In 2024, Klubnik looked like at least a second-day draft pick, completing 308-of-486 passes for 3,639 yards, 36 touchdowns, six interceptions and an NFL passer rating of 105.6. There had been a gradual rise to his game in his first three seasons at Clemson, and then 2025 happened.

Injuries didn't help — Klubnik dealt with ankle, throwing hand and quadriceps ailments last season — and his intermediate and deep passes didn't have the same zip. He was less efficient in the red zone, with as many negative plays as positive ones. Klubnik was also a more dangerous (in both ways) runner in 2024, with 588 yards, seven touchdowns and nine fumbles on 99 carries (excluding sacks).

At his healthy best, Klubnik can work the ball to all areas of the field, and he's particularly good with the deep ball, throwing with both touch and velocity. In 2024, he completed 35-of-78 passes of 20 or more air yards for 1,240 yards, 15 touchdowns, three interceptions and a passer rating of 115.1. As a thrower on the move in 2024, he completed 30-of-73 passes for 446 yards, four touchdowns, three interceptions and a passer rating of 62.9. The pocket is really where you want him.

At his best, Klubnik is an interesting combination of above-average athletic tools and a good head for the game. He can process coverages and progress though his reads, and as a result, he would be a good developmental starter in any Shanahan/McVay system in which the design of the offense gives the quarterback a comfortable landing.

DREW ALLAR

PENN STATE

In 2025, limited by a season-ending broken ankle in October, Allar completed 103-of-159 passes (64.8%) for 1,100 yards (6.9 yards per attempt), eight touchdowns, three interceptions and an NFL passer rating of 93.8. He ran the ball 30 times for 209 yards (excluding sacks), one touchdown and one fumble.

Allar may have the most variance of any quarterback in this class. When he's on, he's absolutely terrifying, with arm strength and athleticism straight out of science fiction. But on the downside — and this is why a lot of people were encouraged by his decision to return to the Nittany Lions for a third starting season — there are a lot of basic, fundamental things where he lags. Sadly, the broken left ankle he suffered against Northwestern in October halted his development.

Allar can just bull through defenders as a designed runner or scrambler, and his arm strength is truly formidable. But the difference between arm strength and arm talent shows up far too often in a negative sense. In 2025, Allar completed just 5-of-13 passes of 20 or more air yards for 143 yards, four touchdowns, no interceptions and an NFL passer rating of 119.6.

Interceptions aren't Allar's problem — his 61:13 career touchdown-to-interception ratio will tell you that — but timing and accuracy? Those are serious issues. He will miss his targets on simple screens and slants; his predilection for pre-determining his targets will leave him shorthanded in the NFL; and his throwing mechanics are inconsistent at best. When he tries to truncate his delivery to deal with pressure, his accuracy slips precipitously.

Josh Allen may be the NFL's ultimate outlier as a big, raw, gifted quarterback because he was able to transcend some major mechanical and accuracy issues at Wyoming to become what he is today. Betting on any prospect to become the next Josh Allen is a good way to get fired. That said, former New York Giants head coach Brian Daboll got that job based on his work as Allen's offensive coordinator with the Buffalo Bills from 2018-21. Daboll rebuilt Allen from the studs, beginning with route concepts that would provide easy answers, and let Allen's freakish athleticism do the rest. Allar will require a similar journey and similar patience.

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Best Prospects

IN KEY SITUATIONS

BY DOUG FARRAR

While the "best player available" philosophy generally works well, every team has specific (often glaring) needs to fill, and that's where specific skill sets come into play.

Let's drill down and assess which prospects offer the most in specific situations that are crucial in today's NFL. Based on metrics and tape study, here are the top players for ideal fits.

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BEST DEEP PASSER

FERNANDO MENDOZA, INDIANA

There's a great deal that Mendoza does exceptionally well, which is a primary reason he's thought to be the lead-pipe lock for the first overall pick. And throwing deep is a specific superpower. Mendoza has a plus arm, but beyond that, it's his ability to read defenses and find the ideal opening downfield that makes this so.

In his 2025 season, Mendoza completed 29-of-55 passes of 20 or more air yards for 955 yards, 11 touchdowns, one interception and an NFL passer rating of 130.1. He throws deep with both touch and velocity, and he generates additional accuracy points in high-leverage situations by maintaining his mechanics from play to play and when under pressure.

BEST PASSER UNDER PRESSURE

FERNANDO MENDOZA, INDIANA

Given that Mendoza is more functionally mobile than a true run-around, second-reaction quarterback, this may surprise you. But the tape doesn't lie. In 2025 when disrupted, Mendoza completed 42-of-82 passes for 620 yards, nine touchdowns, two interceptions and an FBS-best NFL passer rating of 102.7. Those nine touchdowns under pressure include the seven-yard game-winner to receiver Omar Cooper Jr. vs. Penn State, which may have been college football's play of the season. And even when under extreme pressure from Miami's defense in the national championship game, Mendonza didn't lose his composure.

Mendoza doesn't let pressure negatively affect his reads or his mechanics. He has a quick overhead delivery, which he can abbreviate when defenders converge, and he has justified confidence in his ability to isolate his reads on the open receiver.

BEST PASSER VS. TWO-DEEP COVERAGE

FERNANDO MENDOZA, INDIANA

Statistically, very few quarterbacks have better numbers against two-deep coverage (two deep safeties on the field), especially when defenses flip to two-deep post-snap from different pre-snap looks. Mendoza will not suffer through a major NFL transition in this department. In the 2025 season, against two-deep coverage, he completed 71-of-90 passes for 1,071 yards, 719 air yards, 13 touchdowns, no interceptions and an NFL passer rating of 155.8 — the NCAA's highest by a massive margin. To put that in perspective among quarterbacks in this class, Vanderbilt's Diego Pavia ranked second with an NFL passer rating of 116.9.

Mendoza can beat two-deep coverage where other young quarterbacks can't because he understands so well what the defense is doing both pre- and post-snap, and the reaction time from thought to action is minimal.

BEST GAP RUNNER

KENTREL BULLOCK, SOUTH ALABAMA

Bullock has become the NCAA's foremost authority on running power — both between the tackles and outside. In 2025, he had an NCAA-high 121 gap rushing attempts for 673 yards and 411 yards after contact, averaged 5.6 yards per carry and 3.4 yards per contact, broke 20 tackles and had eight explosive runs.

Bullock is more of a sustainer than a guy who will blast out of the backfield, but if you look at the Los Angeles Rams' dynamic duo of Kyren Williams and Blake Corum, who dominated with gap runs this past season, there are some similarities there. Bullock is patient to wait for his rushing lanes to open; he's aggressive to and through the hole; and there's just enough juice to pop the big play from time to time.

BEST ZONE RUNNER

JEREMIYAH LOVE, NOTRE DAME

Love is the best overall back in the 2026 class, and he really showed how valuable he could be to a heavy inside and outside zone run game this past season. On 132 zone-rushing attempts, he gained 987 yards, 637 yards after contact, averaged 7.5 yards per carry and 4.8 yards per carry after contact, broke 20 tackles and had 23 explosive runs.

On inside zone runs, Love has a great knack for finding the open gap as a quick one-cut runner, and then blasting through second- and third-level defenders. As an outside-zone runner, Love will stretch the blocking out to the boundary. And then, it's off to the races.

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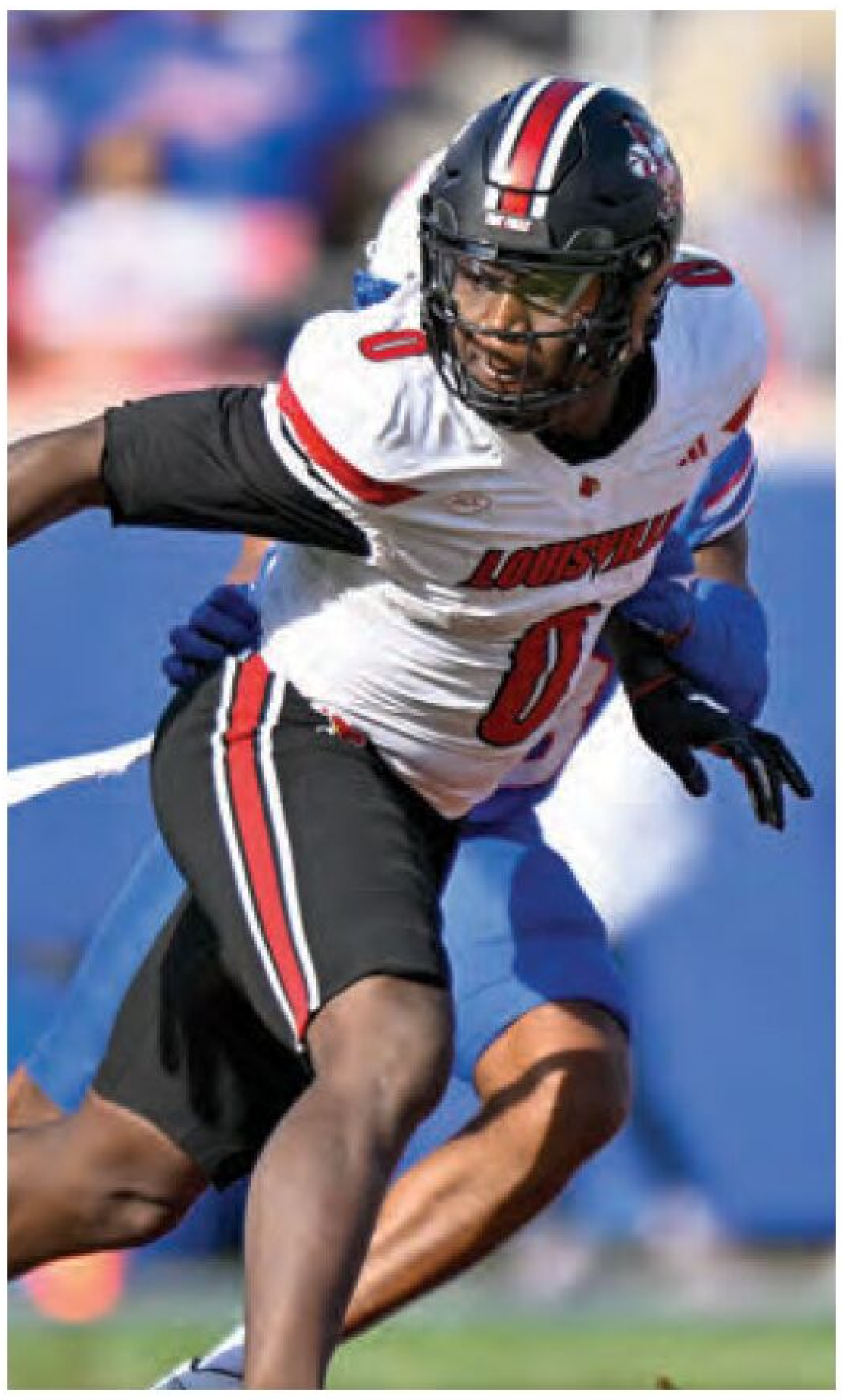
BEST SECOND-REACTION PASSER

TY SIMPSON, ALABAMA

As far as second-reaction ability when the play falls apart, Simpson is mature beyond his experience, with an innate sense of how and when to align his body to the target even after defenses disrupt him. He can take that right to the bank at the next level.

On throws outside the pocket this past season, Simpson completed 47-of-89 passes for 454 yards, seven touchdowns, one interception and a passer rating of 88.9. Those outside-the-pocket throws are about equally distributed between designed bootlegs and plays in which Simpson had to create, and it all points to an impressive sense of how to fix things on the fly when they no longer make sense.



BEST RECEIVER AGAINST PRESS COVERAGE

CHRIS BELL, LOUISVILLE

In today's NFL, there's been a return to old-school aggressive press coverage, where a cornerback is right on a receiver at the line of scrimmage and follows him through the route. In this class, Bell is as good as anyone at beating that kind of coverage and finding openings downfield. In 2025, Bell was pressed on 35 of his 106 targets, and he caught 24 of those passes for an average of 8.7 yards per catch and 2.4 yards of separation per catch. Bell is big enough to counter physical press cornerbacks with his own physical nature; he uses foot-fakes very well to create room from the first step; and his acceleration allows him to get up to speed quickly.

BEST INTERIOR PASS RUSHER

LANDON ROBINSON, NAVY

The recent increase in quick-game throws in the NFL means that interior pressure is perhaps more important than ever before. And among pass rushers operating from 0-tech (head over the center) to 4i (to the tackle's inside shoulder), Robinson stands apart.

In 2025, Robinson had eight sacks and 34 total pressures in 373 pass-rushing snaps. For a guy who does his thing at under 300 pounds, it's fascinating that he played 57% of his snaps at nose tackle in 2025. Robinson has the strength and leverage to deal with double-teams, but where his interior rushes get really interesting is when he starts jumping multiple gaps to demolish protection schemes. Any NFL team that runs a lot of line stunts (a more prevalent idea in today's league) should have Robinson as a prospect of major interest.

Best Prospects

BEST INTERIOR RUN-STOPPER

KAYDEN McDONALD, OHIO STATE

Defensive tackles must be stout enough against the run to prevent big plays and to create negative plays for the defense. McDonald is NFL-ready in both of these categories. In 2025, he led the FBS with 30 stops (tackles that constitute a "failure" for the offense), and he was responsible for five tackles for a loss in the run game.

McDonald is such a great run defender because he's so powerful right off the snap. He'll bull the center back from the nose tackle position, and he knows when to dislodge from the block to fire out and get to the ball carrier. You can move him around the defensive line, but on run downs, McDonald's NFL team might be best-served by placing him in the middle of the equation so that he can continuously demolish the A-gaps.

BEST MULTI-GAP PASS RUSHER

CADEN CURRY, OHIO STATE

Those defensive linemen who can disrupt from just about any gap and can prove that ability over and over are invaluable. NFL teams looking for their own multi-gap star would be wise to study Curry as a developmental pass rusher who can get it done from anywhere — and everywhere.

In 2025, Curry recorded 12 sacks, 14 quarterback hits and 40 quarterback hurries, and he did all that from various locations — from the edge to head-over nose tackle. Curry will need a bit of time to expand his pass-rush plan at the NFL level, but he could be a real force right away as an interior defensive lineman. Curry had two sacks and 10 pressures as a true nose tackle, and he lined up there just 9% of the time.

BEST OUTSIDE PASS RUSHER

RUEBEN BAIN JR., MIAMI (FLA.)

Some draft evaluators have wondered if Bain's arm length will limit his NFL potential. The best way to ease those worries is simply to watch Bain's tape. Last season, he posted 9.5 sacks and 83 total pressures, and if you look at his production in True Pass Sets — Pro Football Focus' delineation for pass rushers on plays without screens, play-action or quick throws under two seconds — Bain was the NCAA's best in 2025, with 49 pressures, including eight sacks.

Bain's work outside the tackles is even more impressive when you consider that opposing offenses so often must craft their blocking schemes for him specifically with extra blockers. Bain can win outside any way you want — with speed around the edge, power to bull rush and spatial awareness to chase running quarterbacks down in space. He's as NFL-ready as any defender in the 2026 class.

BEST OUTSIDE RUN-STOPPER

CAMERON ROBERTSON, SMU

In the 2026 class, it would be tough to come up with a better edge run-stopper than Robertson. This past season, Robertson had six sacks and 44 pressures as a pass rusher, and he also totaled 37 solo tackles and 35 stops as a run defender — and all of that in an injury-limited campaign. When you add in his six tackles for a loss and two forced fumbles against opposing running backs, it's clear that Robertson has the energy to sift through blockers and kill plays in the backfield.

BEST QUICK PASS RUSHER

DAVID BAILEY, TEXAS TECH

You wouldn't expect an edge rusher to be the NCAA's most productive disruptor on zero- to one-step quarterback drops. Of course, Bailey is no ordinary edge rusher. On those quickest possible dropbacks in 2025, Bailey had three solo sacks, 12 quarterback hits and nine quarterback hurries. To create that much pressure from outside the tackles when the entire offensive game plan is to get the ball out as quickly as possible — that's pretty freaky.

With Bailey, it's not just the speed around the arc, although that aspect of his game is as impressive as you'll see from an edge prospect in any draft over the last decade. It's also how he converts that speed to power on the back half of the arc.

BEST BLITZER

JOHN MILLER, UTAH STATE

It's more important than ever to create "free hitters" — pass-rushers who are not accounted for by protection schemes and can therefore zoom to the quarterback with little to no opposition. When NFL teams are looking for expert blitzers in the 2026 draft class, they'll definitely be watching Miller's tape.

In 2025, Miller recorded five solo sacks, 14 quarterback hits and seven quarterback hurries when his defense sent five or more pass rushers. While a few of those pressures came with Miller on the defensive line, most of them happened when he was playing off-ball linebacker.

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MOST VERSATILE LINEBACKER

JACOB RODRIGUEZ, TEXAS TECH

Modern linebackers must patrol at least half the field while helping out in pass rushing, coverage and run-stopping. Rodriguez is generally regarded as the best linebacker in this class, and his versatility is key to that.

In 2025, he piled up 94 solo tackles, nine tackles for a loss, an incredible seven forced fumbles, a sack and six total pressures on just 40 pass-rushing snaps, and in coverage, he allowed 54 completions on 68 targets for 523 yards, two touchdowns, four interceptions, three pass breakups and an opponent passer rating of 84.5. Adding his turnover machine status to his do-everything acumen should make Rodriguez one of the most prized defensive players in this class.

BEST CORNERBACK IN MAN COVERAGE

MANSOOR DELANE, LSU

In 2025, Delane allowed just seven catches on 16 man-coverage targets for 35 yards, no touchdowns, one interception, four passes defended and an opponent NFL passer rating of 0.0 — which is as good as it gets for any defender in any coverage. Delane also allowed just two catches on 11 targets last season in press coverage. Delane's "match feet" allow him to move step-for-step with any receiver; he's intelligently aggressive when getting physical with receivers at the line of scrimmage; and he generally doesn't need overhead help when defending deep passes with his speed and transition abilities.

BEST CORNERBACK IN ZONE COVERAGE

JAKARI EMBRY, FRESNO STATE

Among zone cornerbacks in this class, Embry has shown as much as anyone when asked to excel in coverages that require more understanding of everything around him. In zone coverage in 2025, Embry allowed just seven catches on 27 targets for 58 yards, no touchdowns, one interception, six passes defended and an opponent NFL passer rating of 8.7. Teams that prefer zone coverage and want cornerbacks who can read everything from off coverage and then jump routes will love Embry, who can come down and negate pass plays all day long. Embry can also play man and press coverages well, so it's not as if he's a one-trick pony.

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BEST DEEP SAFETY

WYDETT WILLIAMS JR., OLE MISS

In his first season with the Rebels, Williams proved that he had all the skills to negate passing games in the deep third, playing 89% of his snaps as a deep safety in 2025. Williams' overall coverage metrics were impressive enough — 24 catches allowed on 48 targets for 268 yards, two touchdowns, three interceptions, 10 passes defended and an opponent NFL passer rating of 54.9 — but when you add in how much of that came with Williams as the last line of defense, it adds up to some highly intriguing NFL potential.

MOST VERSATILE DEFENSIVE BACK

CALEB DOWNS, OHIO STATE

The best defensive back in this class, Downs possesses a level of versatility that effectively turns him into three different kinds of players. In each of his three seasons with the Buckeyes, Downs has logged more than 100 snaps in the box, in the slot and as a deep safety. He's also good for the occasional blitz, and he has credible reps at outside corner.

In 2025, Downs recorded a sack and five pressures on 24 pass-rushing snaps, as well as 58 solo tackles, 35 stops, four tackles for a loss and two forced fumbles. In coverage, he allowed 26 catches on 39 targets for 171 yards, no TDs, two interceptions, one pass defended and an opponent NFL passer rating of 54.5.

Downs provides everything NFL teams want from a modern multi-position defensive back, and he makes it all look easy.

(All advanced metrics courtesy of Pro Football Focus and Sports Info Solutions).

FOR COMPARISON'S SAKE:

NFL Comps for Top Draft Prospects

BY DOUG FARRAR

Evaluating draft prospects is a multi-faceted science, and there's never any guarantee that you're going to get it right. One part of that science for teams and draft analysts everywhere is the comparison of draft prospects to former and current NFL players. It's a transitive process in which you're trying to align what the prospect currently is with what he can be over time.

When we compare 15 of the top prospects in the 2026 draft class to those who have made their way in the NFL, it's not like-for-like — we're not saying that these prospects will be like these NFL players at their peaks. It's more about aligning skills they've developed in college with the skills they still need to develop, and these are the frameworks for what they could be.

So, here are the NFL comparisons for some of the most elite prospects in the 2026 class.

Caleb Downs, DB, Ohio State → Xavier McKinney

Downs will be highly prized by NFL teams because of his effective versatility — he's so good at so many things, and this is what the league demands of modern safeties. It's the rare safety who just plays in the box or patrols the deep third. Downs has been an eraser as a free safety, box safety, slot defender and even outside cornerback from time to time. Downs doesn't quite have the body type of the 6-foot-4, 218-pound Kyle Hamilton, the model of the modern do-it-all safety, but at 6-foot and 205 pounds, he does bring to mind the 6-foot, 201-pound McKinney, who was selected by the New York Giants out of Alabama in the second round of the 2020 draft and has been a Swiss army knife for the Giants and now the Green Bay Packers. McKinney sets the tone with his versatility, and Downs should be able to do the same thing at the NFL level.

Arvell Reese, Edge, Ohio State → Micah Parsons

Comparing any NCAA pass rusher with one of the most dominant NFL pass rushers of his era in Parsons is kind of a big deal, but Reese put enough on tape in 2025 to make the comps reasonable. Reese's 6.5 sacks and 27 total pressures don't tell the entire story — opposing offenses had to flip their blocking plans to wherever he was last season or suffer the consequences. And like Parsons when he was at Penn State, Reese is just as adept as an off-ball linebacker and movable pass-rushing second-level "spinner" as he is beating tackles off the edge with his extreme explosiveness and flexibility to bend around the arc. Reese has the same ability to succeed mostly off the edge as Parsons has in Dallas and Green Bay, but here's hoping that his NFL team takes advantage of all that functional versatility.

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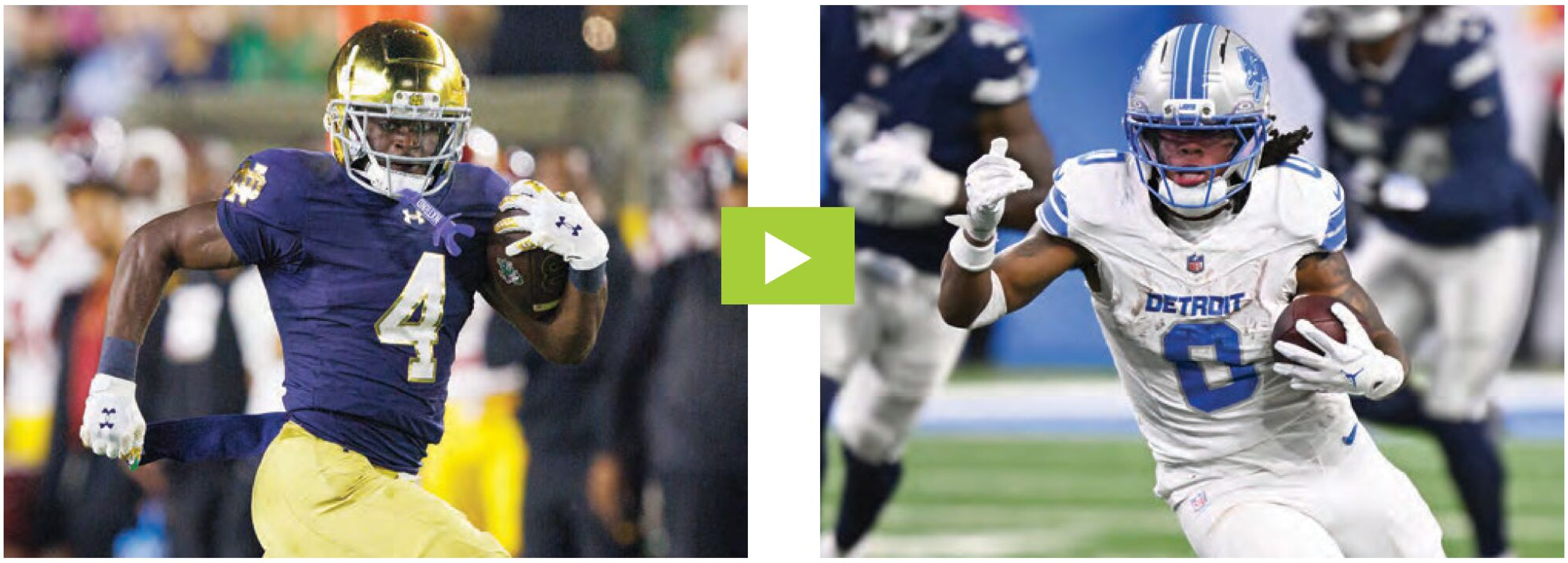
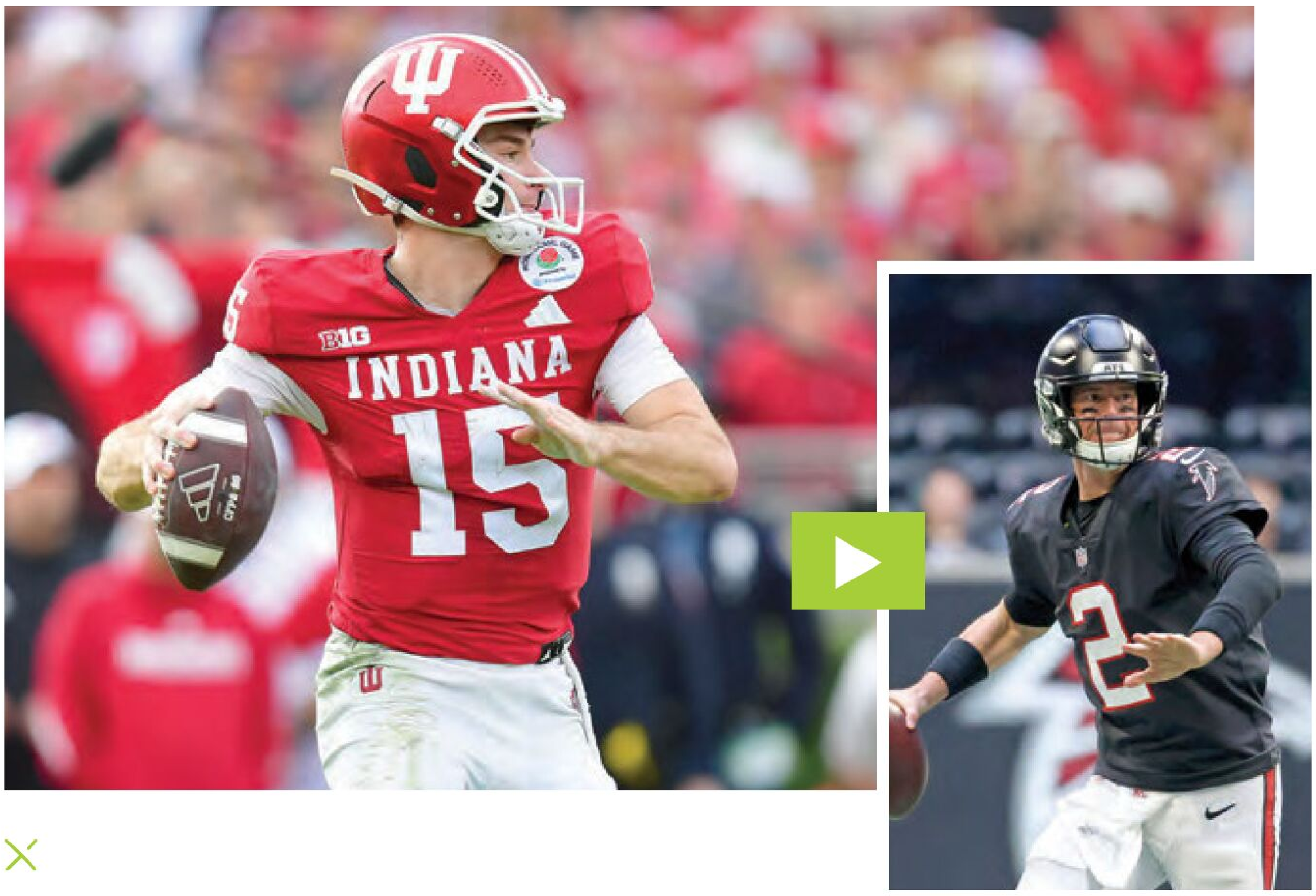


Jeremiyah Love, RB, Notre Dame → Jahmyr Gibbs

A lot of people thought that the Detroit Lions were nuts to select Alabama's Gibbs with the 12th pick in the 2023 draft, given the general positional value of running backs. Gibbs has done everything possible to make Lions general manager Brad Holmes look like a genius by becoming the epicenter of Detroit's high-flying offense. What makes Love so intriguing as a similar prospect is that he's 6-foot and 214 pounds as opposed to Gibbs' 5-foot-9, 202-pound frame, but Love has every bit as much explosiveness and agility. Very much like Gibbs, Love has the opportunity to set the tone for his NFL offense — both right from the beginning and over time.

Rueben Bain Jr., Edge, Miami → Brandon Graham

Ignore any talk you hear in the pre-draft process about Bain's short arms or "tweener" body. The man knows how to get to the quarterback, as he proved in 2025 with 9.5 sacks and 83 total pressures. Much like Graham, whom the Philadelphia Eagles selected out of Michigan with the 13th overall pick in the 2010 draft, Bain has the pass-rush plan to transcend all those alleged issues at the NFL level. Graham, who has amassed 79.5 sacks and 703 total pressures in his estimable NFL career, made the most of his 6-foot-2, 265-pound frame and 32¼" arms (36th percentile) to foil NFL blockers with enough speed and bend around the edge, along with a bull-rush that demolishes double-teams. Bain is cut from very much the same cloth.



Fernando Mendoza, QB, Indiana → Matt Ryan

In two seasons at Cal and one at Indiana, Mendoza has proven that he's more than the latest Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback who may or may not succeed at the NFL level. Mendoza has all the traits you want — he's incredible when it comes to reading defenses; he's got the arm to make all the throws; and his pocket movement is a real plus. As was the case with Ryan, pocket movement will be crucial for Mendoza's future because he's never going to be the first guy you think of when it comes to making second-reaction plays outside the pocket. You can succeed in the NFL without that particular skill if everything else is dialed in, as it is with Mendoza.

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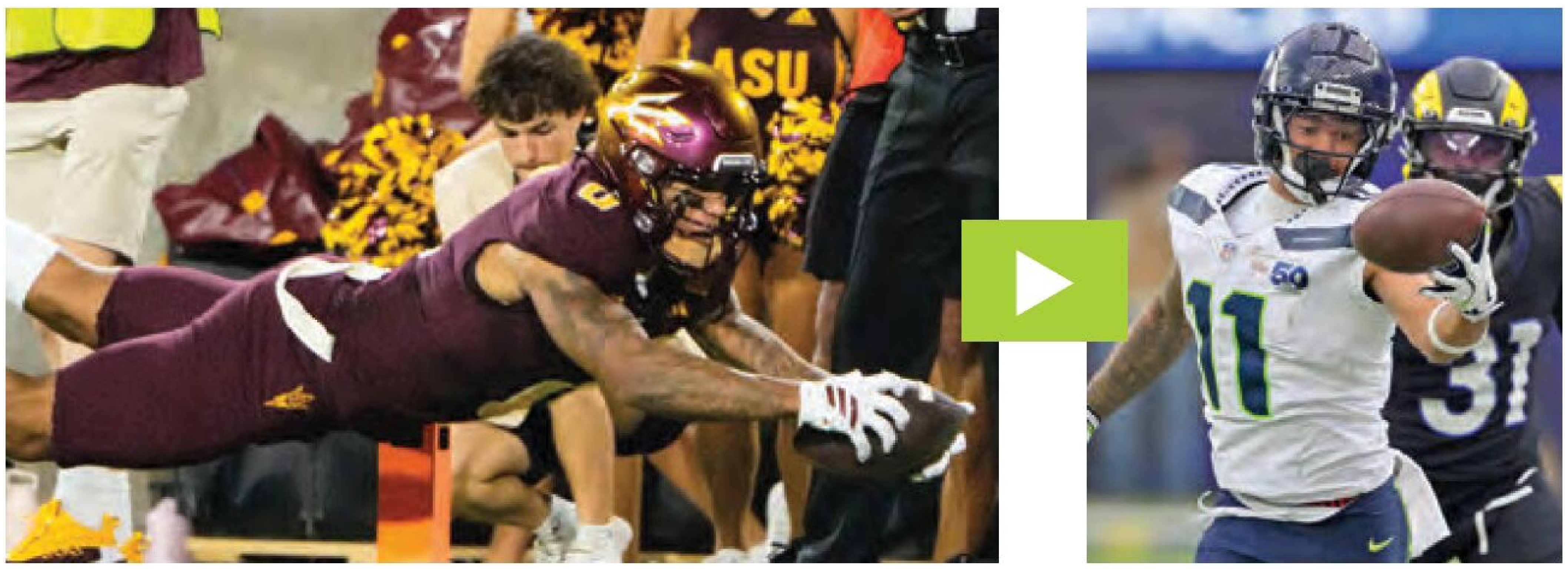
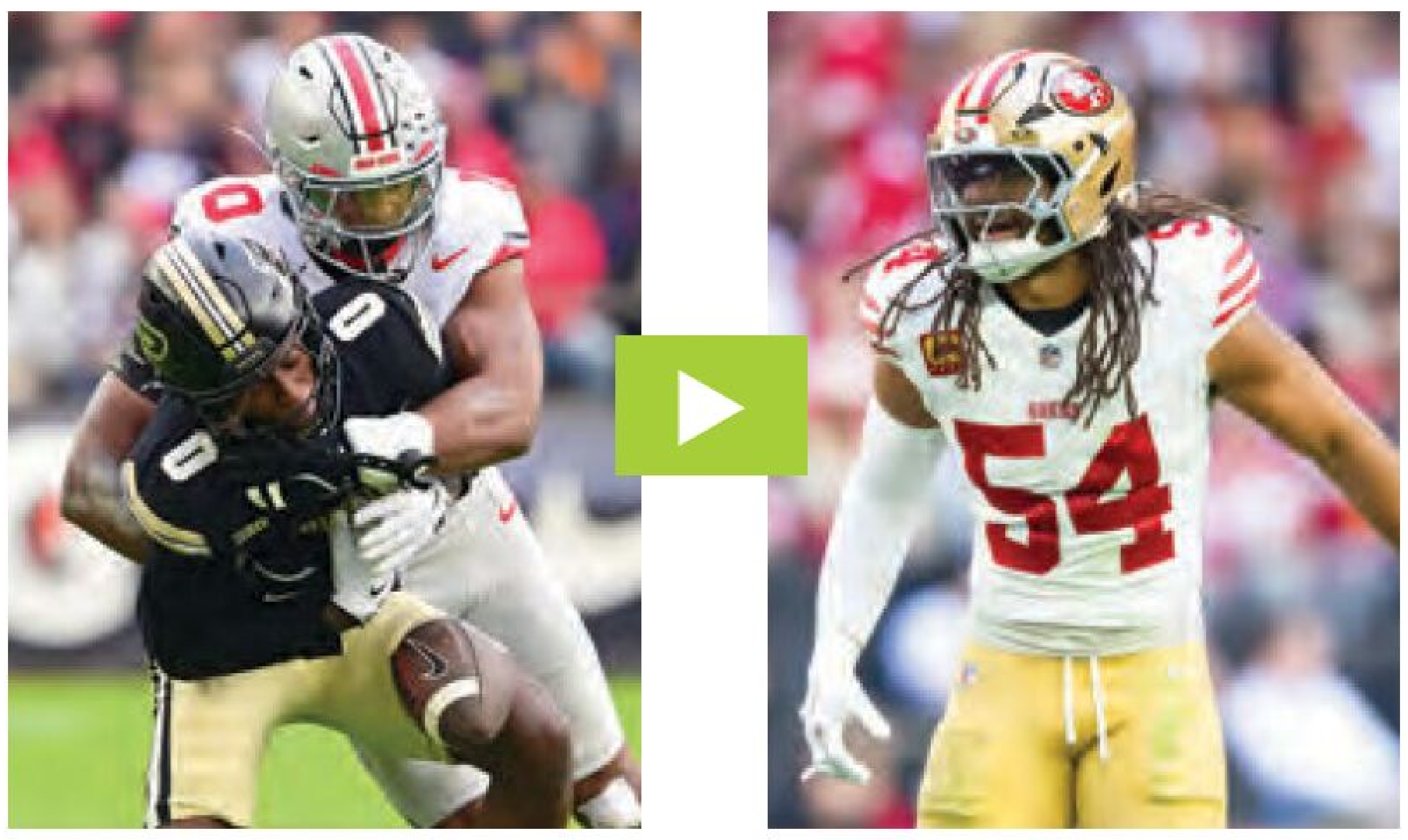


Jordyn Tyson, WR, Arizona State → Jaxon Smith-Njigba

If you're a fan of receivers who can simply beat coverage with demonic downfield speed, Jordyn Tyson may not be No. 1 on your list, but a relative lack of vertical acceleration might be the only obvious issue with his game. Tyson can run just about any route to a level that will leave cornerbacks and safeties tied in knots; he's an outstanding contested-catch receiver at 6-foot-2 and 200 pounds; and his short-area quickness to get free from tight coverage makes up for a vertical gait that's more smooth than explosive. When Smith-Njigba came out of Ohio State in 2023, he had a similar playing style — everything but breakaway speed at a very high level — and he's become one of the NFL's most dangerous receivers. Tyson could very well follow that path.



Sonny Styles, LB, Ohio State → Fred Warner

The NFL is no longer a base defense league by default, and that requires linebackers to roam the field in ways that were not in demand in previous eras. This will not be a problem for Styles, who has the athleticism and acumen to win just about anywhere on the field. If you're playing nickel or dime defense and you need a 'backer who can take half the field from the line of scrimmage to the intermediate level, Styles has that on lock. And he's quick and shifty enough in coverage to arrive in areas you don't expect from bigger players at his position. That's why the 6-foot-5, 243-pound Styles brings Warner to mind — and he's able to do things at his size that the 6-foot-3, 230-pound Warner has made the standard. Warner lasted until the third round of the 2018 draft because some wondered about his size; this will not be an issue for Styles.

David Bailey, Edge, Texas Tech → Von Miller

Bailey has a lot of facets to his pass-rush palette, but the alpha skill just screams off his tape — he has a first step to the pocket that is simply rare. Add that to an estimable ability to bend the edge and get underneath blockers, along with his closing speed to the pocket, and you're dealing with a speed rusher who stands alone in this class. Much like Miller, whom the Denver Broncos selected with the second overall pick in the 2011 draft, Bailey will confound NFL blockers with blur-level speed to the pocket, and he's got enough power to be more than a one-trick pony.

Peter Woods, DL, Clemson → Jeffery Simmons

The 6-foot-3, 310-pound Woods is a dangerous 3-tech defensive tackle on the outside shoulders of offensive guards, but he's been dominant from everywhere. Woods has the quickness and block-destroying ability to win on the edge, and as a pure nose tackle, he's got the power to shake centers out of the way. The 6-foot-4, 305-pound Simmons, selected by the Tennessee Titans in the first round of the 2019 draft out of Mississippi State, has become the NFL's best interior defensive lineman by blowing up opposing offenses in similar ways. You never know where either is going to line up, but you know that disruption is the most likely result.

Carnell Tate, WR, Ohio State → Justin Jefferson

Most receivers who stand 6-foot-3 aren't as surgical with their routes as Tate is, and most receivers who weigh 195 pounds aren't as brave over the middle and in contested-catch situations. That rare combination defined Tate through his career at Ohio State, and it will be his calling card in the NFL. Jefferson, who lasted until the Minnesota Vikings took him with the 22nd overall pick in the 2020 draft, has become one-of-one in the NFL with similar traits to those Tate has already shown. Where the comparison really comes to life is that Jefferson is the rare receiver who doesn't need to reduce his speed as he gets into his route cuts; Tate can do the same thing.

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Makai Lemon, WR, USC → Amon-Ra St. Brown

With 3x1 and 2x2 formations as the standard in the NFL, there's a bigger need than ever before for the receiver who can win outside but who really binds up defenders from the slot. Lemon, who lined up in the slot on 75.6% of his reps at USC over three seasons, certainly qualifies. And much like St. Brown, another USC alum whom the Detroit Lions stole in the fourth round of the 2021 draft, Lemon has all the attributes you want in a premium inside receiver. He's a yards-after-catch machine with his ability to break tackles in space; his route tree is pretty much whatever you need; and he's so good at finding small coverage voids at the last second.

Keldric Faulk, Edge, Auburn → Carlos Dunlap

It's not often that a 6-foot-6, 285-pound man can win as often as an edge rusher as Faulk has. With 10 sacks and 94 total pressures in his collegiate career, and the majority of his snaps either head-over or outside the offensive tackles, Faulk will have NFL defensive coordinators salvating over his unique abilities. One recent touchstone would be Dunlap, the Florida Gator selected in the second round of the 2010 draft by the Cincinnati Bengals. At his peak, the 6-foot-6, 277-pound Dunlap was another big outside disruptor who combined speed, bend and power to descend on passing pockets for years. Like Faulk, Dunlap wasn't just a big run-stopper — there's a lot more to his game.

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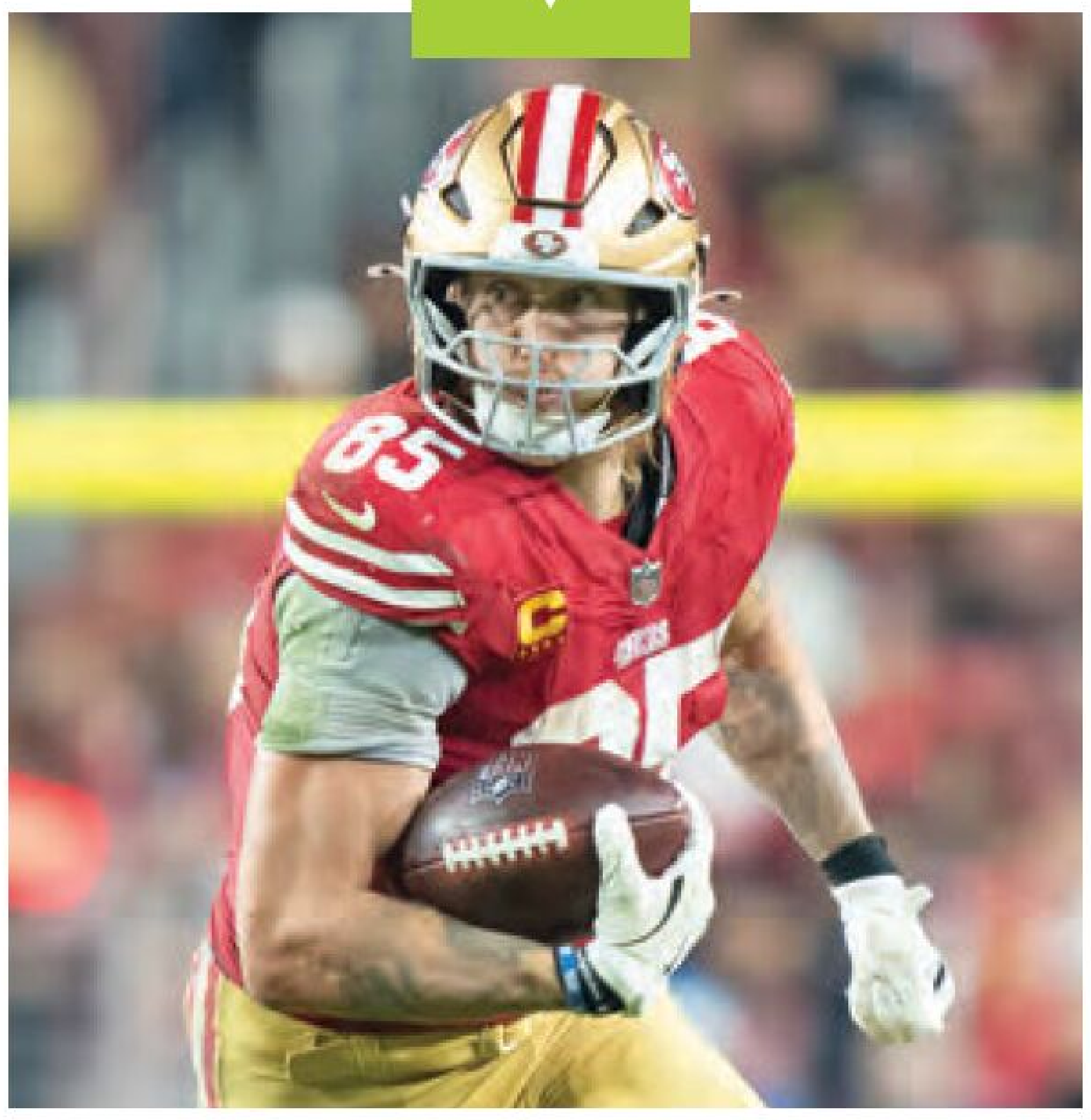

Kenyon Sadiq, TE, Oregon → George Kittle

There are a lot of interesting tight ends in the 2026 draft class, but the list really begins with Sadiq, and after that, it's just everybody else. The 6-foot-3, 245-pound Sadiq may look like a big receiver as opposed to a tight end at his size, but don't discount his ability to block — it's something he takes seriously. And as a target, Sadiq should be NFL-ready from the get-go with his knack for beating cornerbacks and safeties deep from anywhere in the formation, and making the most of short passes that suddenly turn into explosive plays. Kittle, who entered the NFL very much under the radar as a fifth-round pick of the San Francisco 49ers in 2017, has become that kind of receiver/blocker you might not expect with his 6-foot-4, 250-pound frame.

Mansoor Delane, CB, LSU → Quinyon Mitchell

The best man coverage corner in the 2026 draft class, Delane allowed seven catches on 16 man-coverage targets in 2025 for 35 yards, no touchdowns, one interception, four pass breakups and an opponent NFL passer rating of 0.0. Delane is so good in man coverage — especially press-man coverage — because he has the size (6-foot, 190) and intelligent aggressiveness to get in the face of any receiver, and his match skills through the route are serious. Overall, Delane is highly reminiscent of Mitchell, whom the Philadelphia Eagles selected with the 22nd pick in the 2024 draft out of Toledo. Mitchell didn't play a ton of press-man in college, so he took the NFL by surprise in that regard, and he's become a top-five aggressive cornerback.

Jermod McCoy, CB, Tennessee → Derek Stingley Jr.

It's a shame that McCoy missed the entire 2025 season with a torn ACL because his 2024 season set him up to be a top-5 talent. That year, the 6-foot, 193-pound McCoy allowed 31 catches on 62 targets for 386 yards, two touchdowns, four interceptions, six pass breakups and an opponent NFL passer rating of 53.6. Assuming that there's no downturn in play post-injury, the delay won't matter to the NFL because McCoy has such high-level match coverage ability to any point on the field, and against any route — once he's on you, it's nearly impossible to shake him. Stingley, selected by the Houston Texans with the third overall pick in the 2022 draft, is an accurate comparison for McCoy not only in his match ability, but also in how he overcame an injury-plagued collegiate career to rise to his current status as one of the NFL's best cornerbacks.

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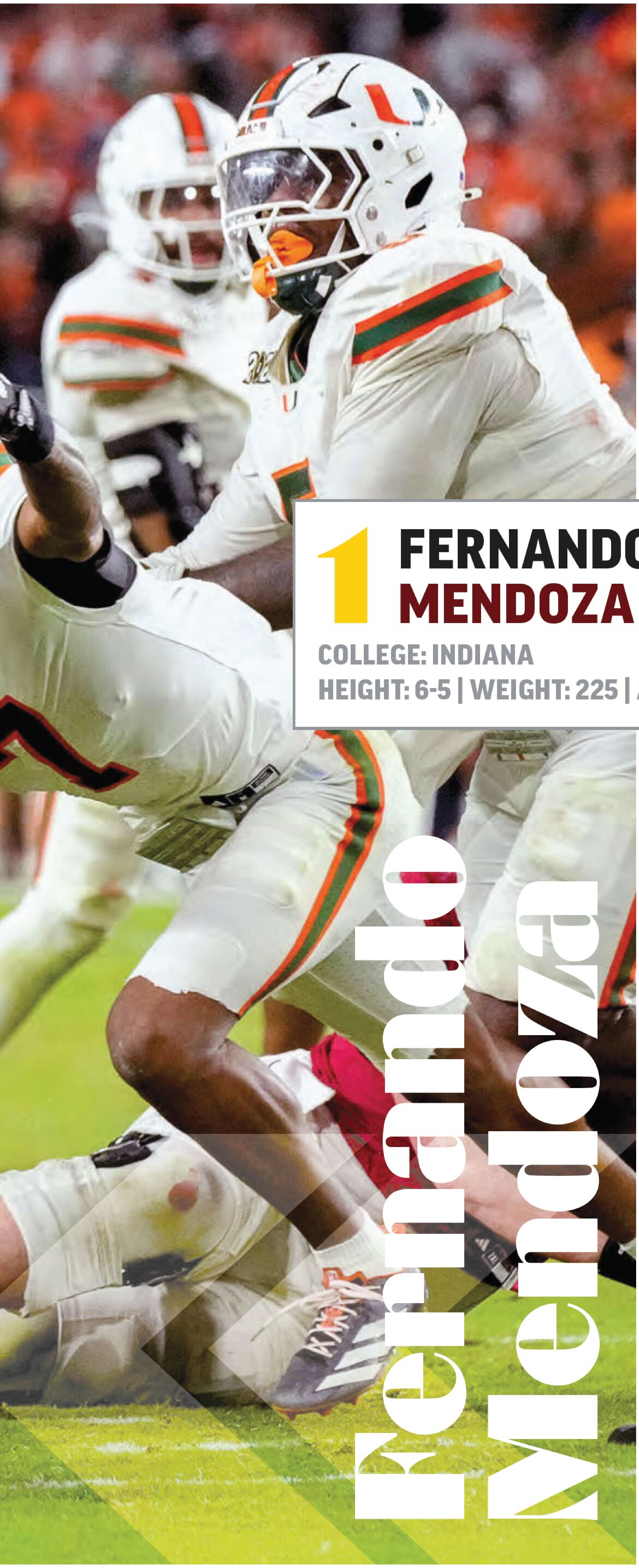

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1 FERNANDO MENDOZA

COLLEGE: INDIANA
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 225 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Mendoza is a big, accurate passer whose ideal height gives him a valuable vantage point from which he can deliver the ball to all levels of the field. He throws with consistent touch and anticipation, layering throws with precision and leading his targets into open grass to help create natural separation from defenders. Mendoza throws a pretty ball, and he's not afraid to be aggressive downfield, giving his playmakers the opportunity to make a play. He's got adequate athleticism for a bigger quarterback, with the ability to navigate a muddy pocket and still keep his eyes downfield, as well as pick up valuable yards and move the chains when forced to use his legs as a runner. Mendoza is a vocal leader with valuable intangible traits.

WEAKNESSES Many top quarterback prospects bring "arm arrogance" to the NFL level, and that's not necessarily a bad thing. But where Mendoza's arm gets him in trouble is when he locks on to a particular receiver or gets to a target late in his progression and still thinks he can put enough juice on the ball to make up for a bad decision. He needs to learn when to abandon a lost play instead of serving up takeaways with late, difficult throws. He's a decent athlete, but Mendoza doesn't have the speed or explosiveness to run away from more fleet-footed defenders. He could use a little extra bulk on his tall, lean frame before he starts getting hit by pro defenses.

FINAL ANALYSIS With his prototypical height and arm talent, Mendoza checks plenty of physical boxes NFL teams are looking for in a potential franchise passer. He's athletic enough to get out of trouble and maybe a little extra, and he's a nuanced thrower who can win with velocity or touch. Throw in his leadership qualities, and you've got a recipe for a quality starter if he can avoid those late reads and turnover-worthy throws.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	W	L	YDS	YPA	PCT	TDS	INT	RYDS	TDS
2023	9	3	5	1,708	7.0	63.0	14	10	92	2
2024	11	6	5	3,004	7.8	68.7	16	6	105	2
2025	16	16	0	3,535	9.3	72.0	41	6	276	7
Career	36	25	10	8,247	8.2	68.6	71	22	473	11

2 TY SIMPSON

COLLEGE: ALABAMA
HEIGHT: 6-2 | **WEIGHT:** 208 | **AGE:** 23

STRENGTHS A poised passer in the pocket, Simpson provided multiple examples in 2025 of the ability to make the right throws at the right time. He can layer the ball with touch and anticipation to all levels of the field and shows impressive ball placement, even on the run. He can move through his reads without dropping his eyes to the rush prematurely, and he isn't afraid to check down and let his teammates pick up yards after the catch instead of waiting too long for deeper routes and bigger plays to develop. Simpson can put adequate zip on the ball when forced to make more challenging throws to the outside hashes or deep down the field, and he shows a solid understanding of schemes and leverage that allows him to throw his guys open instead of leading them into coverage or forcing contested-catch situations that weren't necessary.

WEAKNESSES Inconsistency was Simpson's biggest flaw on tape in 2025, as his play slipped down the stretch. His decision-making and accuracy issues led to missed opportunities and costly turnovers, some of which directly influenced critical losses for the Crimson Tide. His leaner frame could lead to durability concerns at the next level, but added bulk could further limit his athleticism and movement skills, an area of his game where he's already lacking. He was a first-year starter in 2025 and heads to the NFL with just 15 career collegiate starts under his belt.

FINAL ANALYSIS The flashes of potential this season were intriguing, but Simpson's inconsistency and regression later in the season are concerning. The upside is still there in the right system that can mitigate his lack of elite physical traits and maximize what he does well, but NFL defenses will be even more unforgiving of mistakes and inconsistencies. Patience and the right landing spot will be key to Simpson developing into a successful starter down the road.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	W	L	YDS	YPA	PCT	TDS	INT	RYDS	TDS
20222	4	0	0	35	7.0	80.0	0	0	0	0
2023	6	0	0	179	9.0	55.0	0	0	86	2
2024	6	0	0	167	6.7	56.0	0	0	44	1
2025	15	11	4	3,567	7.5	64.5	28	5	93	2
Career	31	11	4	3,948	7.5	63.9	28	5	223	5

3 TRINIDAD CHAMBLISS

COLLEGE: OLE MISS
HEIGHT: 6-0 | **WEIGHT:** 200 | **AGE:** 23

NOTE: AT PRESS TIME, CHAMBLISS WAS PETITIONING FOR ANOTHER SEASON OF COLLEGE ELIGIBILITY.

STRENGTHS A dynamic playmaker with the ball in his hands, Chambliss has an intriguing blend of arm talent and athleticism that challenges opposing defenses through the air and on the ground. He throws with a ton of velocity, rarely underthrowing the deep ball and showing the ability to fit throws into tight windows. He's able to make quick reads with impressive processing speed, adjusting to post-snap changes on the fly and distributing the ball effectively. His speed and explosiveness as a runner are a huge advantage, and he has the instincts to escape pressure and extend plays outside the pocket, making highlight-reel plays with his elusiveness. He knows how to take his game to another level on the biggest stages and in clutch moments, elevating his entire team with his inspired play. Chambliss is a valuable leader who commands the respect of his teammates.

WEAKNESSES Chambliss' undersized frame is the biggest concern when projecting him to the next level. He lacks ideal height for the position, and his lack of bulk could lead to durability concerns if he wants to remain a legitimate dual-threat playmaker in the NFL. As a passer, Chambliss still needs to be more consistent when it comes to putting the right amount of touch on his intermediate throws and layering them over second-level defenders, and his accuracy/ball placement still fluctuates too much. He's a valuable weapon as a runner but tends to bail from clean pockets too often instead of trusting his protection and moving through his reads.

FINAL ANALYSIS His college football journey is impressive — from zero-star recruit and Division II national champion at Ferris State to leading Ole Miss to the College Football Playoff — and the upside as a prospect is obvious with his blend of physical and mental traits. The size and durability concerns are likely to persist, and he still needs plenty of development as a passer, but it's easy to see a scenario in which Chambliss develops into a successful starter with some patience and the right surroundings.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	W	L	YDS	YPA	PCT	TDS	INT	RYDS	TDS
2022	2	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2023	8	1	0	354	10.7	63.6	5	1	304	4
2024	15	14	1	2,901	7.9	61.5	26	6	1,019	25
2025	15	11	2	3,937	8.8	66.1	22	3	527	8
Career	40	26	3	7,192	8.5	64.0	53	10	1,850	37

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4 TAYLEN GREEN

COLLEGE: ARKANSAS
HEIGHT: 6-6 | WEIGHT: 235 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Green looks the part of the modern NFL franchise passer, with a prototypical frame, impressive athleticism and the arm talent to make every throw to all levels of the field. His size gives him a useful vantage point to survey the opposing defense, and he's able to adjust his arm angles to make sure the ball gets where it needs to go. He throws one of the prettiest deep balls in this class, with plenty of velocity and the perfect amount of touch. A long-striding runner who can eat up tons of grass in just a few steps, Green is a dangerous weapon when he's forced to leave the pocket and a valuable part of the ground game on designed runs. A highly experienced signal-caller, Green appeared in 53 games at the college level, 25 of them in the SEC.

WEAKNESSES There's still plenty of room for development as a passer for Green, who needs to polish many of the finer points that come with consistently distributing the ball. His accuracy and ball placement are still a work in progress, and he needs to improve his ability to quickly process post-snap changes to get the ball to the right spot, working through full-field progressions with confidence. Pressure can degrade his mechanics and decision-making in the pocket, and he needs to be more willing to take the layups instead of hunting for big plays and falling back on his running ability when things don't develop downfield.

FINAL ANALYSIS In terms of upside, nobody in this quarterback class has more than Green. His physical tools are off the charts, and he brings a ton of starting experience to the table. If he can land in the right situation, with a strong coaching staff and an organization that can be patient with his development, it wouldn't be surprising for him to develop into a special player and a massive steal.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	W	L	YDS	YPA	PCT	TDS	INT	RYDS	TDS
2021	2	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	2	0
2022	13	8	2	2,042	8.0	61.3	14	6	588	10
2023	13	7	5	1,752	8.3	57.1	11	9	436	9
2024	13	7	6	3,154	8.3	60.4	15	9	602	8
2025	12	2	9	2,714	8.3	60.7	19	11	777	8
Career	53	24	22	9,662	8.1	60.1	59	35	2,405	35

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5 GARRETT NUSSMEIER

COLLEGE: LSU
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 205 | AGE: 24

STRENGTHS Nussmeier has NFL-caliber arm talent, delivering the ball to every level of the field with the kind of velocity that will be necessary against pro defenses. He flashes the ability to throw with anticipation, leading his receivers into open windows and away from tight man coverage with touch and accuracy. He's tough in the pocket, willing to stand in and deliver throws under pressure, even when he knows a big hit is coming. Nussmeier can throw effectively on the run on designed rollouts and bootlegs, and he knows how to layer throws effectively against zone coverage.

WEAKNESSES Consistency has been elusive for Nussmeier throughout his entire collegiate career. His accuracy can fluctuate significantly from snap to snap, and he can struggle to make sound decisions with the football, leading to costly turnovers. He's an efficient distributor when his first read is open and he's able to get rid of the ball quickly, but Nussmeier gets considerably less comfortable when forced to navigate post-snap changes and adjust to complex coverages on full-field reads. He needs to be more judicious when taking his checkdowns instead of passing up easy completions while looking for big plays downfield that just aren't there. His toughness is admirable, but his undersized frame could lead to durability concerns.

FINAL ANALYSIS The son of former NFL quarterback (and current New Orleans Saints offensive coordinator) Doug Nussmeier, Garrett possesses the bloodlines and arm talent that will be enough for a team to give him a shot. But if he wants to be a successful starter at the next level instead of just a career backup, he'll need to find a level of consistency, both physically and mentally, that he failed to display in college.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	W	L	YDS	YPA	PCT	TDS	INT	RYDS	TDS
2021	4	0	0	329	5.8	50.9	2	2	-46	0
2022	7	0	0	800	9.5	61.9	5	4	-13	0
2023	7	1	0	591	7.6	61.5	4	1	1	1
2024	13	9	4	4,052	7.7	64.2	29	12	-38	3
2025	9	5	4	1,927	6.7	67.4	12	5	-57	1
Career	40	15	8	7,699	7.5	64.0	52	24	-153	5

6 CARSON BECK

COLLEGE: MIAMI (FLA.)
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 225 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A classic pocket passer, Beck possesses smooth, consistent mechanics and a quick release that allows him to deliver a catchable ball to every level of the field. He's not afraid to stand tall in the face of pressure, and his ball placement is routinely on target when he's able to stay one step ahead of the defense and make confident throws in rhythm. His starting experience shines through in his ability to quickly process what opposing defenses are throwing at him, and he's not afraid to take his layups underneath, allowing his playmakers to rack up yards after the catch. Beck has shown the ability to bounce back from adversity, leading the Hurricanes to the College Football Playoff after his career at Georgia was cut short by a season-ending injury.

WEAKNESSES Decision-making has been the biggest issue for Beck throughout his career, as he'll go through stretches with multiple head-scratching throws that lead to backbreaking turnovers and crushing losses. If his pocket is disrupted by complex pass-rush schemes or immediate interior pressure, Beck's mechanics and efficiency are significantly impacted. He's capable of making subtle movements within the pocket to navigate pressure, but Beck lacks the athleticism to be a true threat as a runner or challenge opposing defenses on the move.

FINAL ANALYSIS NFL teams will value the starting experience (especially against top competition), intangibles and sound mechanics/ball placement that Beck brings to the table, but his ceiling as a potential starter will be dependent on his ability to avoid the bad decisions and turnovers that plagued him in college. In a system that doesn't require top-level athleticism and off-schedule splash plays, Beck should be a capable backup with spot-starter value.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	W	L	YDS	YPA	PCT	TDS	INT	RYDS	TDS
2020	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2021	4	0	0	176	7.7	43.5	2	2	15	0
2022	7	0	0	310	8.9	74.3	4	0	43	0
2023	14	13	1	3,941	9.5	72.4	24	6	116	4
2024	13	11	2	3,485	7.8	64.7	28	12	71	1
2025	16	13	3	3,813	8.2	72.4	30	12	43	2
Career	55	37	6	11,725	8.4	69.5	88	32	288	7

7 DREW ALLAR

COLLEGE: PENN STATE
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 238 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS From the moment he stepped on the field in Happy Valley, Allar's combination of size, arm strength and athleticism gave him limitless potential. He can put NFL-level zip on every throw, and he can chuck a deep ball as far as you need. He's a dangerous threat as a runner, making life difficult for opposing defenses that turn their backs to him in man coverage or give him too much space in zone, allowing him to move the chains and eat up big chunks of valuable yardage on the ground. Allar has played in a ton of big-stage games against top competition, so he's not likely to be shaken easily by the stakes and atmosphere at the pro level.

WEAKNESSES Allar has struggled with decision-making and consistency throughout his collegiate career, and his accuracy has been spotty at best. He can lock on to his primary receiver and be unwilling to move forward in the progression, forcing throws into bad situations that just aren't necessary. He can struggle with processing complex coverages and post-snap changes, throwing him off his rhythm in the pocket and resulting in ill-advised decisions and poor throws. Allar will be coming off a season-ending leg injury, which could prevent him from participating in pre-draft workouts.

FINAL ANALYSIS The physical traits and raw talent that made Allar a top recruit are still there, but the mental side of the game just never caught up at the college level. The NFL team that takes a chance on his potential will have to be patient with his development, but if he can sit behind an experienced veteran with a strong coaching staff, Allar still has intriguing upside in the right situation.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	W	L	YDS	YPA	PCT	TDS	INT	RYDS	TDS
2022	10	0	0	344	5.7	58.3	4	0	52	1
2023	13	10	3	2,631	6.8	59.9	25	2	206	4
2024	16	13	3	3,327	8.4	66.5	24	8	302	6
2025	6	3	3	1,100	6.9	64.8	8	3	172	1
Career	45	26	9	7,402	7.4	63.2	61	13	732	12

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8

CADE KLUBNIK

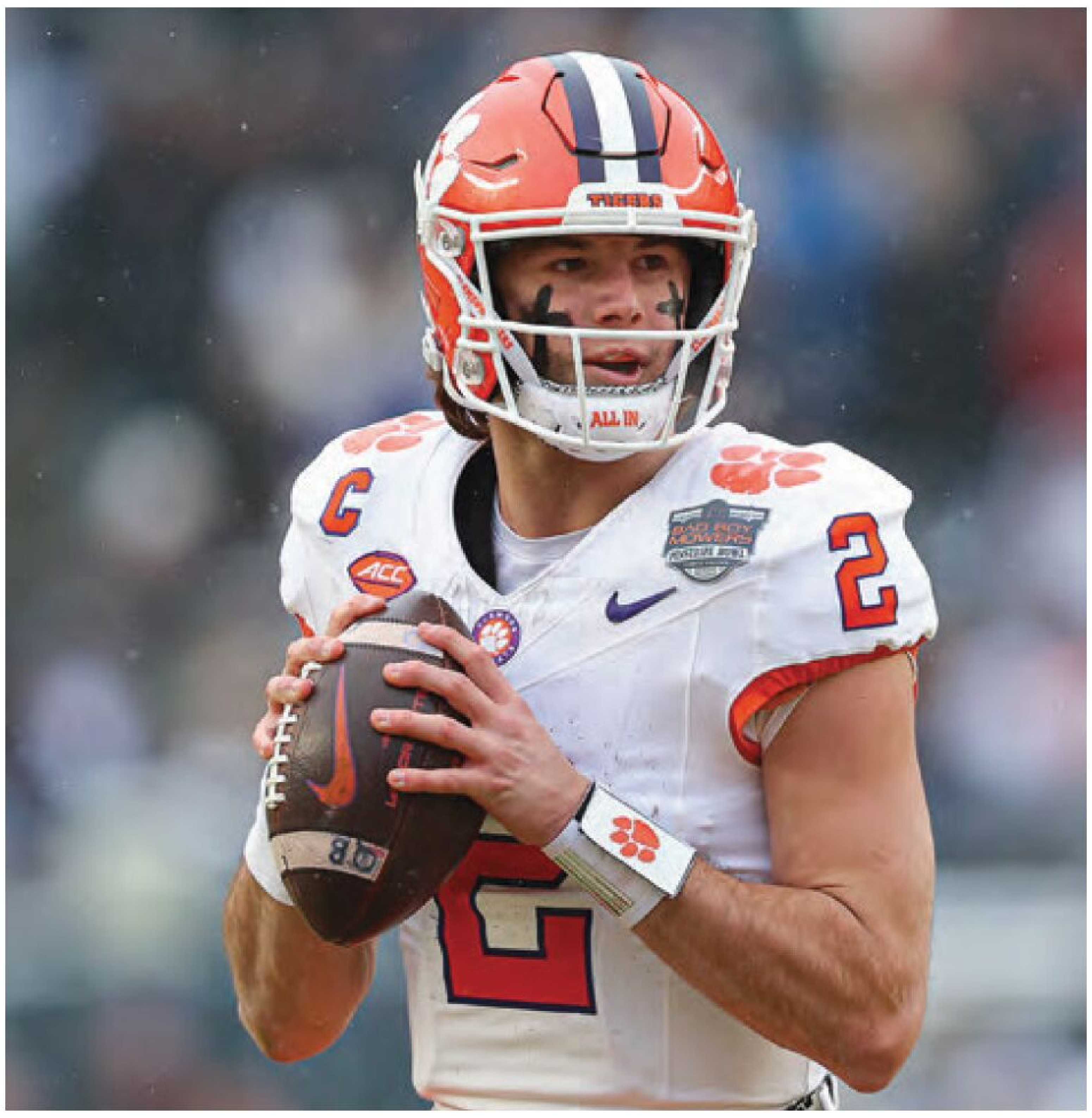
COLLEGE: CLEMSON
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 210 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Arm talent and athleticism are clear advantages for Klubnik, who throws a pretty ball and has the dual-threat ability to challenge opposing defenses on designed runs and scrambles. His quick, compact release and sound mechanics give Klubnik a strong foundation as a passer, and he's at his best when he's able to make quick decisions that match his pre-snap reads and allow him to throw in rhythm. He's got natural playmaking instincts as a runner, picking up valuable yardage on the ground when his number is called, and he's able to keep plays alive and escape traffic when the pocket breaks down.

WEAKNESSES Klubnik is still chasing consistency as a passer, particularly from a mental standpoint. He can struggle when forced to adjust to post-snap changes on the fly, and his mechanics degrade when he's faced with instant pressure. The same is true for his decision-making, as his challenges with processing speed can lead to poor throws and turnovers instead of just taking a sack or throwing the ball away. If Klubnik wants his rushing ability to remain a key part of his skill set, he might need to add some bulk to ensure durability against NFL defenses.

FINAL ANALYSIS Klubnik was a 5-star recruit coming out of high school, and the physical tools are definitely there, but his struggles with the mental side of the game have kept him from living up to those high expectations. The right coaching staff and scheme could eventually help him develop those skills and find consistency with his accuracy and decision-making under pressure, but it'll take some time and patience for him to develop into starting material at the next level.

GRADE 5th Round



YEAR	G	W	L	YDS	YPA	PCT	TDS	INT	RYDS	TDS
2022	10	0	1	697	7.0	61.0	2	3	139	2
2023	13	9	4	2,844	6.3	63.9	19	9	182	4
2024	14	10	4	3,639	7.5	63.4	36	6	463	7
2025	12	7	5	2,943	7.5	65.6	16	6	94	4
Career	49	26	14	10,123	7.1	64.0	73	24	878	17

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SAWYER ROBERTSON

COLLEGE: BAYLOR
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 220 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Robertson's arm talent is obvious, as he can deliver the ball with the right amount of velocity to every level of the field and shows the touch to layer throws over defenders and drive the ball into tight windows. He has a quick release that allows him to excel on timing and rhythm throws, putting the ball on his receivers just before they come out of their breaks. He's not afraid to challenge opposing defenses downfield, routinely giving his receivers the chance to make big plays on the deep ball. As a runner, Robertson has the size, athleticism and toughness to pick up valuable yards when forced out of the pocket, and he has even shown the ability to find success on designed runs in the right situations.

WEAKNESSES Mechanical consistency should be the primary focus for Robertson's development, as his lower body is too often out of sync with what's happening above the waist. If his base doesn't get set properly, it has a clear impact on his ability to deliver an accurate ball with the right amount of zip. He needs to improve his footwork, and he gets too comfortable locking into his initial read based on pre-snap diagnosis, which can lead to bad decisions and turnovers. His willingness to chuck it deep is commendable in general, but he needs to improve his deep-ball placement to ensure that his receivers can catch the ball in stride instead of having to wait on the throw and fight through unnecessary contact at the catch point.

FINAL ANALYSIS There's enough size, athleticism and arm talent to give Robertson a decent floor of physical tools to work with at the next level, and his toughness (both in the pocket and as a runner) is another plus. With refined mechanics and an improved ability to progress through his full reads and decipher post-snap changes on the fly, he could be an intriguing developmental prospect in the right system.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	W	L	YDS	YPA	PCT	TDS	INT	RYDS	TDS
2021	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2022	5	0	0	23	2.1	54.5	0	1	0	0
2023	6	1	3	864	6.6	56.4	2	4	69	1
2024	12	7	4	3,071	8.7	62.2	28	8	230	4
2025	12	5	7	3,681	7.3	60.3	31	12	17	3
Career	36	13	14	7,639	7.6	60.5	61	25	316	8

10 DIEGO PAVIA

COLLEGE: VANDERBILT
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 207 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A dynamic playmaker, Pavia has a knack for escaping chaos in the pocket and still creating moments for the highlight reel, both as a runner and a passer. He shows flashes of the ability to stretch opposing defenses over the top with the deep ball, taking advantage of favorable 1-on-1 matchups and giving his receivers the opportunity to make big plays downfield. He's tough and competitive, with a fiery playing style that sets the tone for the entire team. He's comfortable making pre-snap checks at the line of scrimmage, putting his teammates in the best position to be successful based on what he's seeing from the defense.

WEAKNESSES There are clear physical limitations here. Pavia's lack of ideal size presents the usual challenges when it comes to seeing over the trenches and avoiding tipped passes at the line of scrimmage, and he lacks the arm strength to consistently deliver the ball with enough juice on deep and even intermediate routes, something that will be even more troublesome against NFL defenders. Complex post-snap changes can challenge his ability to process on the fly from the pocket and can lead to Pavia bailing from the pocket too early when the picture changes late.

FINAL ANALYSIS The 2025 Heisman Trophy runner-up, Pavia was as entertaining as any player in college football last season, but that doesn't always translate to the next level. His undersized frame and lack of high-end arm talent limit his NFL ceiling, and he'll need to develop quicker processing skills if he wants to decipher pro defenses successfully. There's enough value to his toughness, competitiveness and playmaking ability to warrant a roster spot, though.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	W	L	YDS	YPA	PCT	TDS	INT	RYDS	TDS
2022	12	4	4	1,450	7.6	53.2	13	6	508	6
2023	15	10	5	2,973	8.1	60.4	26	9	923	7
2024	13	7	6	2,293	7.7	59.4	20	4	801	8
2025	13	10	3	3,539	9.4	70.6	29	8	862	10
Career	53	31	18	10,255	8.3	62.2	88	27	3,094	31

11 JOE FAGNANO

COLLEGE: UCONN
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 225 | AGE: 25

STRENGTHS An efficient passer with prototypical physical traits, Fagnano is a precise thrower who takes care of the football, making sound decisions and throwing with an ideal blend of touch and velocity. He can fit difficult throws into tight windows, and his experience shows in the way he deciphers opposing defenses without getting rattled by post-snap changes. When forced to leave the pocket, Fagnano has enough athleticism to pick up valuable yards on the ground, moving the chains in key situations and extending plays to leave opportunities for downfield throws. Highly productive over the past two seasons for the Huskies, Fagnano threw 48 touchdown passes to just five interceptions over that stretch.

WEAKNESSES Durability and upside are the big drawbacks for Fagnano, who spent seven seasons at the college level, with serious injuries costing him significant time in multiple years. He'll be one of the older prospects in this class as a result, and NFL teams are likely to worry about his ability to hold up to the rigors of the pro game. After spending four seasons at FCS Maine and three seasons at UConn, there could be questions about his level of competition.

FINAL ANALYSIS Fagnano's ideal size, arm talent and decision-making give him a solid foundation, and while there's value to having so much experience at the college level, his upside is limited by his age and injury history. There's still a path to a solid NFL career here with his physical and mental tools, and if he's able to stay healthy, the ability to be a valuable spot-starter in the right situation is definitely there.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	W	L	YDS	YPA	PCT	TDS	INT	RYDS	TDS
2019	8	4	1	1,835	10.0	65.8	17	3	192	0
2020	4	2	2	795	6.9	57.8	8	1	59	2
2021	4	2	2	794	7.4	60.2	6	2	-12	0
2022	11	2	9	2,250	6.2	57.3	15	6	296	3
2023	2	0	2	173	4.9	51.4	0	1	32	0
2024	10	4	1	1,631	7.9	58.3	20	4	60	1
2025	12	9	3	3,448	8.3	69.0	28	1	131	3
Career	51	23	20	10,926	7.7	62.0	94	18	758	9

12 LUKE ALTMYER

COLLEGE: ILLINOIS
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 215 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A quick processor with smooth mechanics, Altmyer reads defenses like he was in the huddle with them, and his quick release gets the ball out efficiently. He throws with a solid combination of touch and anticipation, helping create natural leverage for his receivers by leading them away from coverage. He shows toughness and instincts as a runner, bringing a dual-threat element that forces opposing defenses to respect his legs. A fierce competitor, Altmyer has a knack for coming through in the clutch, inspiring confidence among his teammates when the game's on the line. He played in 44 games over five seasons, giving him a ton of experience against top competition in the SEC (at Ole Miss before transferring) and Big Ten.

WEAKNESSES While he's flashed the ability to throw an effective deep ball at times, Altmyer lacks the arm strength to consistently drive the ball on the tougher throws NFL quarterbacks have to make on a regular basis, and pro defenders will make him pay for it. He'll face similar challenges as a runner, where his lack of high-end athleticism is likely to limit his ability to create big plays on the ground at the same frequency, and his lean frame might not hold up against the physicality of the NFL game.

FINAL ANALYSIS He lacks the physical traits to be a surefire starter at the next level, but Altmyer's mental traits, sound mechanics and ability to make good decisions with the football give him a decent floor as a prospect. He could become a valuable piece of any QB room at the next level and carve out a long career as a solid backup.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	W	L	YDS	YPA	PCT	TDS	INT	RYDS	TDS
2021	5	0	0	192	5.2	54.1	1	2	0	0
2022	4	1	0	125	7.4	47.1	2	1	3	1
2023	9	4	5	1,883	7.0	64.8	13	10	282	3
2024	13	10	3	2,717	7.8	60.8	22	6	217	4
2025	13	9	4	3,007	8.2	67.4	22	5	242	5
Career	44	24	12	7,924	7.6	63.7	60	24	744	13

13 MILLER MOSS

COLLEGE: LOUISVILLE
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 210 | AGE: 24

STRENGTHS Moss has a quick release that pairs well with his ability to make fast reads, allowing him to get rid of the ball to the right target. His accuracy and ball placement are sharp and consistent, and he throws a catchable ball that makes life easy on his receivers. He's got sound mechanics, and he layers his passes with touch and anticipation, throwing his teammates open and delivering the ball to open windows before the defense has time to react. Moss adjusts well to post-snap changes, and he knows how to make pre-snap checks to get his teammates in the right protections and out of bad play calls.

WEAKNESSES While his arm strength was adequate at the college level, it won't be enough to scare NFL defenses. He can be too confident in his ability to fit certain throws into tight windows, which will only cause more turnover-worthy situations against pro competition, and deep throws to the boundary from the opposite hash tend to flutter. Moss can make subtle moves within the pocket to evade pressure, but he doesn't have the speed or athleticism to threaten the defense as a runner.

FINAL ANALYSIS After arriving at USC as a highly touted recruit, Moss was never able to live up to those high expectations, and that didn't change during his lone season at Louisville. His mental prowess, solid mechanics and accuracy could still earn him a backup role at the next level, but his lack of high-end physical traits will limit his potential as a future starter.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	W	L	YDS	YPA	PCT	TDS	INT	RYDS	TDS
2021	1	0	0	74	5.7	61.5	1	0	-14	0
2022	5	0	0	159	11.4	85.7	1	0	9	0
2023	5	1	0	681	10.5	70.8	7	1	32	2
2024	9	4	5	2,555	7.1	64.4	18	9	-18	2
2025	12	9	3	2,679	7.1	64.2	16	7	-65	9
Career	32	14	8	6,148	7.4	65.1	43	17	-56	13

14 COLE PAYTON

COLLEGE: NORTH DAKOTA STATE
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 233 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A southpaw slinger, Payton has impressive arm talent, and he's not afraid to use it. He challenges opposing defenses with the deep ball and excels at making back-shoulder throws that give his receivers a chance to adjust while the defender's back is turned. He can fit throws into tight windows, and he knows how to identify advantageous matchups and take full advantage with quick decisions. He brings a ton of value as a runner, using his big frame to move through weak contact, challenging opposing defenders to match his combination of physicality and athleticism when he takes off. He's the kind of competitor teammates feed off, especially in clutch moments.

WEAKNESSES A one-year starter at the FCS level, Payton will face questions about his lack of experience and level of competition. His mechanics are inconsistent, and accuracy/ball placement pay the price when his upper body and lower body aren't on the same page. He has a somewhat unorthodox release with a unique release point, and he has a tendency to hold onto the ball too long, leading to unnecessary sacks and negative plays. When forced to move beyond his first read, Payton tends to lean more on his rushing ability than moving through full-field reads in the pocket.

FINAL ANALYSIS As a lefty with inconsistent mechanics and an unusual release, Payton won't be for everybody, and there's plenty of development needed from a mental standpoint. But the physical tools are intriguing, and his combination of size, athleticism, arm talent and toughness could potentially lead to a Taysom Hill-type role at the next level.

GRADE 7th Round

YEAR	G	W	L	YDS	YPA	PCT	TDS	INT	RYDS	TDS
2021	3	0	0	6	2.0	33.3	0	0	78	2
2022	13	0	0	51	4.3	66.7	0	1	284	2
2023	15	0	0	289	10.7	66.7	3	0	615	13
2024	8	1	0	123	7.7	62.5	2	1	164	1
2025	13	12	1	2,719	12.1	71.9	16	4	777	13
Career	52	13	1	3,188	11.3	70.2	21	6	1,918	31

15 JALON DANIELS

COLLEGE: KANSAS
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 220 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A smart, athletic passer with a ton of experience, Daniels is a true dual-threat weapon who can threaten opposing defenses in multiple ways. He's a quick-draw thrower from the pocket, with no wasted movement in his motion, and the ability to change his arm angle at a moment's notice to avoid defenders. He can dial his touch and velocity effectively in any situation, and his pocket awareness allows him to navigate messy traffic and stay in control of the play, keeping his eyes downfield or breaking through sack attempts to create big plays. His combination of explosiveness and toughness as a runner is a constant stress for defenses, and he's a gamer who can rally the locker room with his leadership and on-field example.

WEAKNESSES Daniels is an effective passer in the short and intermediate range, but he lacks the arm strength and accuracy to deliver the deep ball with consistent effectiveness. His shorter frame is likely to present challenges against NFL defenses, and he'll have to work hard to avoid tipped passes and muddy vision while searching for passing lanes between the numbers. He can hold on to the ball too long at times, drifting back in the pocket instead of climbing, stressing his offensive line and leading to unnecessary pressures and sacks. He's dealt with multiple nagging injuries throughout his career, which could lead to durability concerns.

FINAL ANALYSIS There are some physical limitations and room for improvement with certain mental aspects of the game, but his athleticism, sharp mechanics and intangible qualities are worthy of an NFL roster spot. Offenses that value his ability to win through the air on short and intermediate throws, as well as create big plays as a runner, will want him in their quarterback room.

GRADE 7th Round

YEAR	G	W	L	YDS	YPA	PCT	TDS	INT	RYDS	TDS
2020	7	0	6	718	4.7	50.0	1	4	20	3
2021	6	1	2	860	7.4	69.2	7	3	83	3
2022	9	5	4	2,014	8.8	66.1	18	4	425	7
2023	3	3	0	705	9.4	74.7	5	1	74	0
2024	12	5	7	2,454	8.2	57.0	14	12	439	6
2025	12	5	7	2,531	7.9	62.1	22	7	404	4
Career	49	19	26	9,282	7.8	61.5	67	31	1,445	23

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1 JEREMIYAH LOVE

COLLEGE: NOTRE DAME
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 214 | AGE: 20

STRENGTHS With an ideal blend of explosiveness and functional strength, Love has the speed and burst to run away from would-be tacklers, as well as the power and physicality to run through them when necessary. He shows elite vision and patience, with the ability to diagnose his path and set up blockers before exploding through the second level and into the secondary. His contact balance and lateral quickness allow him to force missed tackles in multiple ways, and Love has the long speed to take any carry to the house. As a receiver out of the backfield, Love shows soft, reliable hands and the ability to make big plays when he gets the ball in space.

WEAKNESSES Love is a pretty clean prospect, but he's been banged up multiple times, and his punishing style of play could lead to questions about his durability at the next level. He has a penchant for hurdling over would-be tacklers, and those kinds of decisions will get even more dangerous against NFL defenders.

FINAL ANALYSIS A complete back who can make explosive plays happen on the ground and through the air, Love is a dynamic weapon who could instantly transform any NFL offense with his three-down skill set. If he can stay healthy, Love has all the physical and mental tools to make a big impact right away at the next level as both a runner and receiver. He's one of the best prospects in this entire draft class, with immediate Pro Bowl potential.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2023	13	71	385	5.4	1	8	77	1
2024	16	163	1,125	6.9	17	28	237	2
2025	12	199	1,372	6.9	18	27	280	3
Career	41	433	2,882	6.7	36	63	594	6

2 JADARIAN PRICE

COLLEGE: NOTRE DAME
HEIGHT: 5-11 | WEIGHT: 210 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS An explosive runner with ideal short-area quickness and burst, Price has home-run ability whether he's beating defenders to the edge and turning the corner, or exploding north-and-south when he finds a crease. He's not the biggest back, but he still runs with toughness and a decent measure of contact balance that typically requires multiple tacklers. His vision and patience allow him to accurately pick his spots when choosing to cut upfield on zone runs, setting up his blocks and forcing would-be tacklers to take a path of greater resistance to get to him. Price also brings added value in the return game, where he's always a threat to take one to the house.

WEAKNESSES One of the biggest concerns when projecting Price's value at the next level will be his role and workload, having been the change-of-pace back for the Fighting Irish behind Jeremiyah Love. It's possible he could prove to be a workhorse in his own right if given the chance in the NFL, but that's pure projection. As with most college backs, Price's technique and consistency as a pass protector will need refinement from NFL coaching.

FINAL ANALYSIS Price clearly has the explosiveness and mental tools to be a productive runner with big-play ability, but questions about his ability to handle a full workload could keep him on the board until Day 2. He should make an immediate impact in the return game and would be best suited as the "lightning" half of a two-person ground attack that would keep him fresh for four quarters.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2023	13	47	272	5.8	3	5	65	1
2024	16	120	746	6.2	7	4	10	0
2025	12	113	674	6.0	11	6	87	2
Career	41	280	1,692	6.0	21	15	162	3

3 JONAH COLEMAN

COLLEGE: WASHINGTON
HEIGHT: 5-9 | WEIGHT: 220 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A bowling ball of a runner, Coleman has a stout, power-packed frame, and he knows how to use it. It's nearly impossible to get him on the ground with first contact, and he's just as adept at plowing through traffic between the tackles as he is landing a devastating stiff-arm to create additional yardage on the perimeter. He's more than just a power back, though; Coleman has impressive lateral agility, with the vision and instincts to make sharp cuts and work back against the grain to leave would-be tacklers grasping at thin air. He protects the football well and is a reliable pass catcher out of the backfield, bringing valuable versatility and three-down value to the table.

WEAKNESSES While he's got some explosiveness in short bursts, Coleman lacks elite straight-line speed to run away from defenders, and he can be caught from behind after breaking off a decent chunk of yardage. His size and well-built frame give him potential as an effective pass blocker, but Coleman still needs some technical refinements at the next level if he wants to truly unlock that area of his game and become a three-down presence.

FINAL ANALYSIS Coleman's combination of power, short-area quickness and vision should be enough to make him a productive pro, and his ball security and pass-catching skills should keep him on the field for a ton of snaps. While he might not win any 40-yard dash competitions, Coleman has a chance to be an impact player on all three downs and a true workhorse back if he can polish his pass-blocking chops.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2022	12	75	372	5.0	4	8	24	0
2023	13	128	871	6.8	5	25	283	1
2024	13	193	1,053	5.5	10	23	177	0
2025	12	156	758	4.9	15	31	354	2
Career	50	552	3,054	5.5	34	87	838	3

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4 MIKE WASHINGTON JR.

COLLEGE: ARKANSAS
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 228 | AGE: 24

STRENGTHS Washington's huge frame jumps out right away, but it's his speed at that size that makes him one of this year's most intriguing running back prospects. He's a decisive downhill runner who gets north-and-south in a hurry, and he packs a punch when he arrives at contact. He's tough for a defender to bring down single-handedly, and he's got home-run ability when given a runway to build up to top speed. He's got surprising lateral agility for a bigger back, with the ability to quickly change direction and chart a new course when lanes open up. He's got soft hands as a pass catcher out of the backfield, and his combination of power and explosiveness makes him a dangerous big-play threat in the passing game.

WEAKNESSES Ball security will be the biggest point of emphasis for Washington's improvement, as his penchant for putting the ball on the ground won't earn him many fans on the sidelines if it continues at the next level. His physical tools give him a ton of upside as a receiving weapon, but expanding his route tree and refining his pass-protection skills will be vital to allowing Washington to stay on the field regularly in third-down situations.

FINAL ANALYSIS When you're this big and this fast, NFL teams are going to be interested, no matter what position you play. Washington's physical tools and aggressive running style will appeal to the entire league, but his upside and opportunities to be a featured back in the league will be determined by his ability to hold onto the football and develop the rest of his receiving skill set.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2021	3	23	132	5.7	1	0	0	0
2022	13	150	625	4.2	7	23	135	1
2023	11	90	362	4.0	2	13	35	0
2024	12	157	725	4.6	8	9	74	1
2025	12	167	1,070	6.4	8	28	226	1
Career	51	587	2,914	5.0	26	73	470	3

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5 NICHOLAS SINGLETON

COLLEGE: PENN STATE
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 224 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A well-built runner, Singleton has a dangerous blend of size, speed and power that makes him a headache for opposing defenders to bring down. He's an explosive north/south back who does his best work coming downhill with a full head of steam, getting to the second level with impressive acceleration for a bigger runner and blasting through arm tackles. He displays patience when waiting for blocks to materialize before making that decisive cut upfield, and he shows nimble feet when navigating traffic between the tackles. As a pass catcher out of the backfield, Singleton possesses reliable hands and the ability to challenge defenders in the open field with his speed and strength. He puts his powerful frame to good use in pass protection, and he also has proven experience as a productive return man.

WEAKNESSES Singleton's short-area quickness is limited by his lack of ideal hip fluidity, which doesn't match his quick footwork, leaving opportunities on the table when changing direction in tight spaces to try to lose defenders with lateral movement. Similarly, his inconsistent vision can counteract his patience when sifting through blocks and looking for the right cutback lane. In the open field, he relies more on pure speed and power, lacking the agility to make defenders miss with quick changes of direction. Singleton suffered a broken foot during Senior Bowl practices, so his recovery will be closely monitored.

FINAL ANALYSIS With his NFL-ready frame and a skill set that features both top-end speed and pure power, Singleton already has a high floor based purely on those physical traits. If he can improve his core fluidity to match his footwork, and his vision to match his patience, Singleton could develop into a featured back who can make an impact in every phase of the game.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2022	13	156	1,061	6.8	12	11	85	1
2023	13	171	752	4.4	8	26	308	2
2024	15	172	1,099	6.4	12	41	375	5
2025	12	123	549	4.5	13	24	219	1
Career	53	622	3,461	5.6	45	102	987	9

6 EMMETT JOHNSON

COLLEGE: NEBRASKA
HEIGHT: 5-11 | WEIGHT: 200 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS One of the most important things a running back can do is create his own yardage, and few in this class do it better than Johnson. A joystick of a runner in tight spaces, Johnson can change direction at light speed, leaving would-be tacklers in his wake as he keeps charging down the field. He's also got the vision to match, setting up his jump-cuts and opportunities to work against the grain and get opposing defenders to overcommit. Johnson isn't afraid of contact between the tackles and finishes most of his runs with forward movement. He's a dynamic receiver out of the backfield, with the ability to work through traffic on screens and checkdowns, setting up blocks and weaving his way to big gains.

WEAKNESSES He's not the biggest back, and more powerful tacklers can take him on and bring him down on their own more often than not. Johnson excels in short areas and when moving laterally, but he doesn't have that elite gear to run away from the defense for long touchdowns, often getting caught by faster defenders or effective pursuit angles. If he wants to stay on the field on third down at the next level, Johnson will need to improve his effectiveness as a pass blocker.

FINAL ANALYSIS After waiting his turn, Johnson exploded with huge numbers in his first year as a full-time starter, and it's easy to believe that his best football is still in front of him. His versatile skill set and combination of vision and agility should make him a productive pro as both a runner and a receiver, even if he remains in a timeshare.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2022	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	12	90	411	4.6	2	7	46	0
2024	13	117	598	5.1	1	39	286	2
2025	12	251	1,451	5.8	12	46	370	3
Career	41	458	2,460	5.4	15	92	702	5

7 KAYTRON ALLEN

COLLEGE: PENN STATE
HEIGHT: 5-11 | WEIGHT: 219 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A patient runner with an ideal blend of power and vision, Allen plays behind his pads and knows when and where to pick his spots, bursting through the line of scrimmage at just the right moment to create big yardage on the ground. He's got a well-built frame and knows how to use it, embracing contact and forcing multiple defenders to bring him down, always falling forward for that extra yard. He's got impressive short-area burst and lateral quickness for a power back, shifting directions at a moment's notice and sifting through traffic in the trenches without getting caught up in the mess. His ball security is a point of pride, and he excels in short-yardage situations, consistently moving the chains and finding the end zone in critical moments.

WEAKNESSES Allen doesn't have the elite straight-line speed to be a true home-run threat as a runner, picking up his yardage in smaller chunks and often getting tracked down from behind when he does break off a long run. He's not terribly elusive in the open field, preferring to go through defenders rather than around them. His third-down skill set still needs a ton of refinement, from route-running ability to technique and awareness in pass protection.

FINAL ANALYSIS With his lack of speed and elusiveness, and the absence of receiving/pass-blocking skills, Allen is best suited for a committee role at the next level, much like the one he enjoyed alongside Nicholas Singleton at Penn State. The power and mental traits he brings to the ground game will be valuable to any number of teams, as will his knack for getting the job done in short-yardage situations.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2022	13	167	867	5.2	10	20	188	1
2023	13	172	902	5.2	6	14	81	1
2024	16	220	1,108	5.0	8	18	153	2
2025	12	210	1,303	6.2	15	18	68	0
Career	54	769	4,180	5.4	39	70	490	4

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8 DEMOND CLAIBORNE

COLLEGE: WAKE FOREST
HEIGHT: 5-10 | WEIGHT: 195 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Some running backs are home-run threats; Claiborne is a grand slam waiting to happen on every touch. He's a patient runner with superb vision who waits for the right moment to make his upfield cut, and he explodes through even the smallest gap on his way to big gains. His timing and footwork can lull opposing defenders to sleep as he reads his blocks, before using elite acceleration to teleport past the second level and into the secondary. Claiborne works through initial contact fairly well for a smaller back, and he's got reliable hands out of the backfield. All of the traits that make him such a dangerous offensive weapon do the same when he's deployed in the return game, too.

WEAKNESSES Any ball carrier under 200 pounds will carry durability risks at the next level, and Claiborne is sure to be no exception. He's elusive in tight quarters and can make defenders miss in the hole, but breaking tackles against NFL defenders in the trenches will be a different task at his size, and he lacks the mass to consistently generate tough yards after contact. Every now and then, his patience will bleed into indecisiveness, where he waits too long to make his cut and passes up the best look, leaving himself no room to work. He's got upside as a pass-catching weapon in space, but he lacks the strength and technique to be an effective pass protector.

FINAL ANALYSIS He may not have the complete skill set to be a full-time starter at the top of the depth chart in an NFL offense, but Claiborne's big-play explosiveness and combination of patience and vision should still make him a valuable member of any backfield that already has power but still needs some juice. He should make an immediate impact in the return game while carving out his role on offense.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2022	10	14	57	4.1	0	1	-5	0
2023	10	137	586	4.3	5	3	35	0
2024	12	228	1,049	4.6	11	23	254	2
2025	12	179	907	5.1	10	28	140	0
Career	44	558	2,599	4.7	26	55	424	2

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9 ROMAN HEMBY

COLLEGE: INDIANA
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 210 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A transfer from Maryland, Hemby made an immediate impact for the Hoosiers last season, becoming a key cog in the national champs' offensive attack. He runs with a strong blend of vision and patience, with the burst to accelerate away from would-be tacklers and enough physicality to run through contact in the trenches. Hemby has flashed the ability to house it from long distance, with enough speed to hit home runs when the planets align and he gets a chance to beat bad pursuit angles. He's a reliable pass catcher out of the backfield, turning checkdowns into valuable gains with his ability to set up defenders in space or run through arm tackles on the perimeter.

WEAKNESSES There's not one elite trait that stands out in Hemby's game; you'll find faster backs in this class, and more powerful ones, too. His ability to hold onto the ball has been inconsistent at times, and he'll need to tighten that up if he wants to stay on the field at the next level. Like most backs coming out of the college ranks, Hemby will need to refine his pass-blocking technique if he wants to get third-down reps, as pass-catching value won't be enough to earn the trust of NFL coaches on those high-leverage downs.

FINAL ANALYSIS A versatile ball carrier who can thrive on any down, regardless of scheme, Hemby should have no problem carving out a significant role early in his NFL career. He may not have game-breaking speed or destructive power, but he's a well-rounded back who can be reliable and productive on the ground and through the air.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2021	3	17	71	4.2	2	1	1	0
2022	13	188	989	5.3	10	33	298	1
2023	13	142	680	4.8	4	38	349	3
2024	12	134	607	4.5	6	40	273	1
2025	16	230	1,120	4.9	7	17	165	0
Career	57	711	3,467	4.9	29	129	1,086	5

10 SETH McGOWAN

COLLEGE: KENTUCKY
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 215 | AGE: 25

STRENGTHS A strong runner who excels between the tackles, McGowan displays power and purpose, initiating contact with a full head of steam and making defenders pay for weak arm-tackle attempts. He's decisive behind the line of scrimmage, quickly identifying the path of least resistance and accelerating through the hole with conviction. He's got the frame and toughness to create extra yards after contact, falling forward at the end of every carry and dragging smaller defenders along for the ride. His size gives him a solid framework from which to build out a valuable role in pass protection, which would give him added value on third downs.

WEAKNESSES McGowan is much more comfortable running vertically, but making sharp lateral transitions can be a chore. He's a bit stiff in his core, and he can struggle to make defenders miss in tight spaces with quick changes of direction. He lacks the top-end speed to run away from the defense for long scores, and can get caught from behind by most defensive backs who take proper angles to cut him off. He's shown flashes of pass-catching ability but would need to refine his route-running skills and pass-blocking technique to make an impact in passing situations.

FINAL ANALYSIS Following a felony larceny conviction after his freshman season at Oklahoma, McGowan was out of football before embarking on a comeback at the junior college level, making a stop at New Mexico State and then joining the Wildcats in 2025. As a prospect, his size and power could make him a solid member of a backfield that needs more physicality, but he's an older prospect with limited upside.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2020	8	58	370	6.4	3	13	201	1
2024	12	152	823	5.4	3	23	277	3
2025	11	165	725	4.4	12	19	126	0
Career	31	375	1,918	5.1	18	55	604	4

11 ADAM RANDALL

COLLEGE: CLEMSON
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 235 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS Built like a linebacker, Randall has impressive athleticism for such a huge runner, with surprising quickness and cutback ability. He shows good vision to read blocks and find the right gaps, with the acceleration to get vertical in a hurry. He uses his frame well when running through contact in the trenches, forcing missed tackles at the second level and out on the perimeter with his strength and explosiveness. If he gets a lane, Randall is fast enough to break off big chunks of yardage, running away from slower front-seven defenders and challenging smaller defensive backs to match up with his size advantage in the open field. Randall is a converted wide receiver whose pass-catching prowess gives him a ton of added value as a weapon out of the backfield.

WEAKNESSES There are advantages to Randall's size, but one of the consistent drawbacks is the struggle to stay low to the ground and run with proper leverage. He can be too upright at times, increasing his surface area for oncoming tacklers and limiting his ability to drive the pile. His frame gives him a solid foundation as a pass blocker, but his technique still needs a ton of work to maximize those raw physical tools. He's still learning the finer points of the position after transitioning from the receiver spot, and there's still plenty of development needed.

FINAL ANALYSIS There's a ton of upside here based on the physical tools, but it'll take some patience and the right coaching staff to get Randall to his ceiling. Right away, his athleticism and versatility at his size could be a valuable mismatch weapon for the right offense, with the potential to develop into a more complete and consistent three-down back down the road.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2022	12	0	0	0.0	0	10	128	0
2023	13	0	0	0.0	0	22	250	0
2024	12	4	44	11.0	0	16	155	2
2025	13	168	814	4.9	10	36	254	3
Career	50	172	858	5.0	10	84	787	5

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J’MARI TAYLOR

COLLEGE: VIRGINIA
HEIGHT: 5-9 | WEIGHT: 204 | AGE: 24

STRENGTHS Compact and shifty, Taylor is a quick cutter who can get lost behind the line of scrimmage and pop into the secondary before the front seven even know he’s gone. He’s elusive in the open field, with the ability to shake would-be tacklers in space, testing their ability to take proper pursuit angles while being ready to break down and defend his cutback ability at a moment’s notice. He’s got legit straight-line speed and can take it to the house if he gets a crease. He’s versatile enough to split out wide or catch passes out of the backfield, and he can pick up yards after the catch that turn checkdowns into first downs. Despite his stature, Taylor isn’t afraid to pick up blitzes and keep his quarterback clean.

WEAKNESSES Taylor’s undersized frame does come with the usual limitations facing smaller running backs. He doesn’t bring much power to the table, and he tends to struggle to create extra yardage on his own when there’s too much traffic in the trenches. He tends to go down on first contact a bit too often, with stronger defenders not letting him go once they’ve got him in their grasp. As a third-down back, Taylor needs some technique work as a pass protector, and his route tree up to this point has been limited.

FINAL ANALYSIS A transfer from FCS North Carolina Central, Taylor has proved he can produce at any level, following up his first career 1,000-yard season at NCCU with another one last year for Virginia. His ability to make defenders miss with sharp cuts and subsequent acceleration should make him a productive change-of-pace back in the NFL, and his pass-catching skills should get him some third-down opportunities.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2021	4	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2022	12	87	421	4.8	7	9	129	3
2023	11	71	321	4.5	1	16	229	4
2024	11	196	1,146	5.9	15	30	271	2
2025	13	222	1,062	4.8	14	43	253	1
Career	51	576	2,950	5.1	37	98	882	10

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ROBERT HENRY JR.

COLLEGE: UTSA
HEIGHT: 5-9 | WEIGHT: 205 | AGE: 24

STRENGTHS A slippery back with big-play ability, Henry leans into his short but well-built frame, keeping his pads low while darting in every direction to find big yardage. He’s shifty in space, with the knack for making defenders miss with lateral quickness, and his fast feet set up effective jump-cuts to avoid contact between the tackles. He can get to top speed in a flash, and he has enough straight-line and sustained burst to run away from the defense for huge gains. His athleticism serves him well in the passing game, too, as he shows impressive route-running ability out of the backfield, as well as reliable hands when the ball comes his way. He’s an admirable contributor as a pass blocker who isn’t afraid to pick up a blitz or chip defenders on his way out of the backfield.

WEAKNESSES Henry is still a somewhat undersized back who lacks the power to consistently break through tackles from defensive linemen, and adding any extra bulk to improve his strength runs the risk of limiting the explosiveness that makes him so effective with the ball in his hands. He’ll have to prove he can be durable at the next level if he wants to get significant touches on all three downs, and his pass-blocking technique will need to be more advanced. Already 24, Henry will be one of the older running backs in this class.

FINAL ANALYSIS What he lacks in size and power, Henry does his best to make up for with explosiveness and versatility. His big-play potential as both a runner and a receiver should entice any NFL team on Day 3 that needs to add some lightning to their backfield on every down, as well as speed that can help improve the return game.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2023	13	127	588	4.6	11	19	115	0
2024	11	130	706	5.4	7	21	199	1
2025	11	151	1,045	6.9	9	18	114	2
Career	35	408	2,339	5.7	27	58	428	3

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NOAH WHITTINGTON

COLLEGE: OREGON
HEIGHT: 5-8 | WEIGHT: 203 | AGE: 24

STRENGTHS Undersized but undaunted, Whittington plays the game at top speed and isn’t afraid of contact despite his smaller frame. He’s patient behind the line of scrimmage but quick to process what’s happening in front of him and decisive when he finds the right gap to exploit. He uses his low center of gravity to maintain balance through initial contact, and he can hide behind his offensive line until it’s too late for front-seven defenders to see where he’s headed. His background as a wide receiver in high school shows up in his comfort level as a pass catcher, where he displays reliable hands and impressive route-running ability out of the backfield.

WEAKNESSES While he shows solid burst in tight spaces, Whittington doesn’t have the elite straight-line speed to outrun the entire defense, and he can get caught on long runs by speedy defensive backs who keep him from taking it to the house. His lack of size makes pass protection a challenge, and he needs to develop more consistent technique there if he wants to earn third-down duties at the next level.

FINAL ANALYSIS Whittington’s size will likely limit him to a part-time role at the next level, but he’s got the mental traits and quickness to be a productive committee back, and his pass-catching prowess will give him a chance to contribute heavily on third downs if his pass-blocking improves. He could also make an immediate impact as a return man.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2020	12	16	39	2.4	0	3	5	0
2021	12	101	617	6.1	2	12	58	0
2022	13	139	779	5.6	5	22	169	1
2023	4	20	146	7.3	2	10	78	0
2024	14	118	540	4.6	6	24	136	2
2025	13	129	829	6.4	6	19	98	1
Career	68	523	2,950	5.6	21	90	544	4

15 CJ DONALDSON

COLLEGE: OHIO STATE
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 232 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A tough, physical runner with impressive size, Donaldson maximizes his huge frame with a powerful presence between the tackles, running through initial contact with ease and forcing smaller defensive backs into tough decisions when he breaks into the open field or gets to the perimeter. He shows solid vision and the ability to decipher blocking schemes and defensive fronts at a high level, picking his spots judiciously and maximizing yardage with his decision-making behind the line of scrimmage. Donaldson puts his size to good use as a pass blocker, stalling blitzers and providing valuable additional protection with more polished technique than most college backs bring to the table.

WEAKNESSES Donaldson's tall frame makes consistent pad level a challenge, as he has to work harder than most to stay low and maintain effective leverage and drop his center of gravity. He's at his best running downhill, and he can struggle to change direction laterally with precision and explosiveness, preferring to run through contact as opposed to trying to make defenders miss in the hole or out in the open field. He's a stellar pass protector in the backfield but is still working to expand his offerings as a receiver to increase his third-down value.

FINAL ANALYSIS The size and pass-blocking skills Donaldson brings to the table are enough on their own to warrant attention from NFL teams, and his combination of power and vision gives him intriguing upside as an early-down runner and short-yardage weapon. Developing his pass-catching skills would be ideal and would help make Donaldson a more complete back capable of contributing on every down.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2022	7	87	526	6.1	8	9	27	0
2023	12	171	798	4.7	11	9	59	0
2024	13	163	734	4.5	11	14	104	1
2025	13	96	361	3.8	10	15	96	1
Career	45	517	2,419	4.7	40	47	286	2

16 JAM MILLER

COLLEGE: ALABAMA
HEIGHT: 5-10 | WEIGHT: 221 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A smart, decisive runner with ideal vision and awareness, Miller sports a well-built frame that allows him to run confidently through contact. He's not afraid to churn out the dirty yards in the trenches, and he's got enough power to force failed arm-tackle attempts from smaller defensive backs out on the edge. He keeps his pads low and runs with solid balance, and his quick feet match with his eyes to make well-timed lateral cuts to find open lanes that can lead him to the second level and beyond. His toughness and physicality make him effective in short-yardage and goal-line situations and give him potential as a pass-blocking presence.

WEAKNESSES Miller lacks elite top-end speed to break off long touchdown runs, and he can often be tracked down from behind by defenders with more speed or smart pursuit angles. When he gets opportunities in the open field, Miller is still more comfortable initiating contact and trying to work through defenders, lacking the elusiveness to make them miss in 1-on-1 scenarios. He's made a limited impact as a pass catcher out of the backfield up to this point and will need more development as both a receiver and a pass blocker in terms of technique.

FINAL ANALYSIS The upside is limited by his lack of elite speed and receiving skills, but Miller's size, vision and toughness could still make him a valuable early-down runner and short-yardage option at the next level. Any committee backfield that needs to add physicality and improve its chances of moving the chains or converting at the goal line should be interested.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2022	13	33	223	6.8	2	1	-1	0
2023	14	41	201	4.9	1	4	73	1
2024	13	145	668	4.6	7	16	155	1
2025	11	130	504	3.9	3	19	109	0
Career	51	349	1,596	4.6	13	40	336	2

17 KEJON OWENS

COLLEGE: FIU
HEIGHT: 5-11 | WEIGHT: 210 | AGE: 24

STRENGTHS A well-rounded back with a three-down skill set, Owens has ideal size for the position and runs with a superb blend of vision, patience and decisiveness. He's a smooth cutter who doesn't waste much motion with false steps, getting uphill quickly once he finds the gap he wants. He's got enough short-area burst to explode into the second level, and his solid frame gives him the ability to run through traffic without getting knocked off course. Owens also has a valuable skill set as a pass catcher out of the backfield, with solid route-running ability and soft hands to reel in the ball and pick up yards after the catch. His size also gives him potential as an extra pass blocker that only adds to his passing-down value.

WEAKNESSES He can be explosive in short bursts, but Owens lacks the long speed to run away from defensive backs, often getting caught at the last minute instead of finishing off long runs in the end zone. He's a useful pass-catching weapon and has the physical traits to be effective in pass protection, but his technique needs refinement. He put up big numbers at FIU but will face questions about his level of competition as he transitions to the NFL.

FINAL ANALYSIS Owens broke out last season with 1,334 yards and 11 touchdowns on the ground. He'll have to prove he's not a one-year wonder who simply took advantage of lesser competition, but the physical traits you see on film all point to a complete back with a high floor who has the potential to make an impact on all three downs.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2021	1	0	0	0.0	0	1	4	0
2022	7	26	83	3.2	1	4	13	0
2023	10	80	453	5.7	5	9	40	0
2024	11	92	392	4.3	5	9	82	0
2025	13	213	1,334	6.3	11	18	67	0
Career	42	411	2,262	5.5	22	41	206	0

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JAYDN OTT

COLLEGE: OKLAHOMA
HEIGHT: 5-11 | WEIGHT: 208 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Vision, patience and explosiveness all shine through when you turn on Ott's tape, as he shows flashes of big-play ability when he quickly identifies his lanes and fires upfield. He displays impressive awareness when diagnosing defensive fronts and how they match up with the blocking scheme, picking through the trash to find the best route to the most yardage. Ott has quick feet and shows good balance when making sharp cuts in tight quarters, and he's tough enough to absorb initial contact without going to the ground. He's flashed pass-catching ability out of the backfield and can line up all over the field to cause confusion for opposing defenses before and after the snap. His third-down value is also boosted by his pass-blocking chops, which he displayed yet again during Senior Bowl practices.

WEAKNESSES Durability will be the biggest concern for Ott at the next level, as injuries have nagged him and limited his production after a strong start to his career at Cal before his transfer to Oklahoma. His tape with the Sooners showed more inconsistency and less decisiveness than he had displayed earlier in his career, which could simply be part of him working his way back to full strength. He doesn't run with a ton of power and physicality, and he could be limited to a change-of-pace role at the next level.

FINAL ANALYSIS Ott's college career is a tough one to figure out, and he's looked like a completely different player for much of the past two seasons after breaking out in 2023 for the Golden Bears. Teams in the later rounds could roll the dice on the player he was at one point earlier in his career, taking the risk that he can recapture the big-play ability and three-down skill set that made him so productive.

GRADE 7th Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2022	12	170	897	5.3	8	46	345	3
2023	12	246	1,315	5.4	12	25	169	2
2024	10	116	385	3.3	4	24	222	1
2025	7	21	68	3.2	0	2	10	0
Career	41	553	2,665	4.8	24	97	746	6

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DESMOND REID

COLLEGE: PITT
HEIGHT: 5-8 | WEIGHT: 175 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A big play waiting to happen every time he touches the ball, Reid has the lateral agility to shake defenders in tight spaces or in the open field; the burst to get up to top speed immediately; and the long speed to run away from opposing defenses all the way to the end zone. He's patient behind the line of scrimmage, with the vision to find creases and quickly exploit them for big gains. Reid has reliable hands and can create separation as a route-runner in the passing game, and he puts his explosiveness to good use picking up yards after the catch. All of those traits also make Reid a dangerous weapon in the return game, where he can create advantageous field position for his team, with the threat of taking any kick to the house.

WEAKNESSES The obvious drawback here is Reid's size, which would make him one of the smallest players in the NFL. That small, slight frame would lead to serious durability concerns at the next level, and it likely limits Reid's ability to command a significant workload against NFL defenses. If a defender gets his hands on him, Reid lacks the strength and physicality to break tackles and create extra yardage with power. His receiving skills are valuable, but his third-down impact is limited by pass-blocking concerns.

FINAL ANALYSIS The size and durability concerns will always be an issue for Reid, but there's no denying the big-play potential he brings when the ball comes his way. Whether it's in a gadget role on offense that manufactures targeted touches that maximize his explosive traits, or leaning on his speed and quickness in the return game, Reid can make an impact at the next level if he can stay healthy.

GRADE 7th Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2022	10	119	826	6.9	4	21	212	1
2023	8	133	897	6.7	13	21	283	0
2024	11	184	966	5.3	5	52	579	4
2025	7	60	278	4.6	2	23	317	2
Career	36	496	2,967	6.0	24	117	1,391	7

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MAX BREDESON

COLLEGE: MICHIGAN
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 250 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Fullbacks are draft prospects, too! The Wolverines' run-first offense wouldn't have been nearly as effective without Bredeson leading the way and plowing the road from his fullback spot. He's a throwback player who does the dirty work in the trenches, taking on linebackers in the hole and making them pay the price. His stout frame is power-packed and ready for the NFL game, and he's a tone-setter for the entire offense. A respected leader, Bredeson brings intangible value in the huddle, on the sideline, and in the locker room that coaches and teammates will always appreciate.

WEAKNESSES Bredeson is a pure blocker who doesn't bring much versatility or playmaking ability with the ball in his hands. He wasn't used as a short-yardage rushing option, and for those who would classify him more as a tight end than a traditional fullback, he caught only 12 passes in four seasons for the Wolverines. His athleticism doesn't jump off the tape, which could present a challenge against the speed of NFL defenders.

FINAL ANALYSIS There's still a place in the modern NFL for a traditional fullback, and Bredeson fits the bill for teams that are still willing to spend a roster spot for that player. The team that does will get a valuable teammate and leader, and its offense will have happy running backs who benefit from Bredeson clearing a path of lesser resistance. Bredeson's value will go beyond the stopwatch and the box score for his NFL team.

GRADE 7th Round

YEAR	G	ATT	YDS	YPC	TDS	REC	YDS	TDS
2021	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2022	14	0	0	0.0	0	5	78	0
2023	15	0	0	0.0	0	2	19	0
2024	13	0	0	0.0	0	3	24	0
2025	11	0	0	0.0	0	2	11	0
Career	54	0	0	0.0	0	12	132	0

Carnell Tate

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1 CARNELL TATE

COLLEGE: OHIO STATE
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 195 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS An explosive playmaker who can win in multiple ways, Tate has more than enough speed to threaten opposing defenses over the top and the short-area quickness to create consistent separation with sharp, decisive routes. He's got strong hands at the catch point that allow him to hold onto the ball through contact, along with the body control, leaping ability and catch radius to frustrate smaller defenders in the red zone. Tate shows quality instincts and burst after the catch, and the smarts to quickly diagnose zone coverages, finding soft spots and exposing poor leverage to give his quarterback an open target. He's willing and able as a downfield blocker, working to spring his teammates for big gains even when the ball doesn't come his way.

WEAKNESSES Tate brings ideal height to the table, but he's got a bit of a lean frame that could get exposed by more physical defensive backs at the next level. He could always try to bulk up a little, but that can be a double-edged sword if it costs him any of the explosiveness that makes him such a dangerous playmaker. He was a bit dinged up this season, so durability could be a concern at the next level.

FINAL ANALYSIS We always say to scout the player, not the helmet, but there's a reason Ohio State keeps putting wide receivers in the first round. Tate is the latest in a long line of well-rounded pass catchers to come out of Columbus, and he checks every box from a physical, mental and technical standpoint that should translate to quick and sustained success at the next level, no matter where he lands.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2023	13	18	264	14.7	1	0	0	0
2024	15	52	733	14.1	4	0	6	0
2025	11	51	875	17.2	9	2	16	1
Career	39	121	1,872	15.5	14	2	22	1

2 MAKAI LEMON

COLLEGE: USC
HEIGHT: 5-11 | WEIGHT: 195 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS If you want to call this guy "undersized," do so at your own peril. Lemon may be under six feet tall and less than 200 pounds, but he plays with the tenacity and physicality you'd expect from a much bigger receiver. He's a sharp route-runner who challenges opposing defensive backs with the precision of his breaks, and he's got the hands, body control and leaping ability to consistently win 50/50 balls despite his size disadvantage. He's a big-play machine, whether he's stretching the field vertically or exploding away from would-be tacklers after the catch, routinely breaking through arm tackles and surprising defenders with his ability to play through contact. His football IQ and playmaking instincts allow him to set up blocks and expose blind spots in coverage, and his impressive blend of physical and mental traits makes him a dangerous return man.

WEAKNESSES Lemon's lack of size and shorter arms do present some challenges, particularly when trying to beat press coverage at the line of scrimmage against bigger defensive backs with longer wingspans. Sharpening his hand usage and footwork to improve his releases would help mitigate his shortcomings and allow him more alignment versatility at the next level. He's a willing participant as a downfield blocker but needs to improve his technique.

FINAL ANALYSIS If you still think a smaller receiver can't be a true No. 1 target, Lemon is the kind of prospect who should change your mind. He's got the explosiveness, hands and route-running chops to threaten opposing defenses at every level, and his high-effort style of play is what coaches and teammates want in their huddle. His big-play ability should be welcome in any NFL offense, but he would be particularly dangerous if paired with a traditional X receiver who would yield plenty of 1-on-1 opportunities on the opposite side.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2023	9	6	88	14.7	0	0	0	0
2024	12	52	764	14.7	3	0	0	0
2025	12	79	1,156	14.6	11	9	4	2
Career	33	137	2,008	14.7	14	9	4	2

3 JORDYN TYSON

COLLEGE: ARIZONA STATE
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 200 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A smooth operator with fluid route-running skills, Tyson is sharp and clean out of his breaks, creating separation by avoiding wasted movement and extra steps. He's a long strider who can eat up yardage quickly, erasing cushion and putting defenders on their heels. Tyson uses this along with short-area quickness and vision to be a valuable weapon after the catch, turning quick screens into big gains with impressive instincts and the patience to set up blocks. He's got strong, reliable hands that don't mind contact at the catch point, and he's a willing downfield blocker. Tyson tracks the deep ball extremely well down the field, and he can move around the formation to isolate and expose advantageous matchups on the outside or in the slot.

WEAKNESSES Tyson is a leaner prospect who can struggle to beat stronger, more physical corners in press coverage off the ball. He creates separation with footwork and short bursts, but Tyson lacks the elite top-end speed to run away from defensive backs over the top. Durability could be a concern, given the fact that he's suffered significant injuries multiple times that have cost him a decent chunk of action in two different seasons.

FINAL ANALYSIS With his combination of size, separation ability and dynamic potential after the catch, Tyson has a skill set that could quickly make him a WR1 at the next level. If he's able to stay healthy, add a little bulk to his frame and develop more consistent technique and physicality against press coverage, Tyson has Pro Bowl upside with the ability to put up big numbers in any NFL offense.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	9	22	470	21.4	4	3	-4	0
2023	3	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2024	12	75	1,101	14.7	10	1	1	0
2025	9	61	711	11.7	8	2	4	1
Career	33	158	2,282	14.4	22	6	1	1

4 DENZEL BOSTON

COLLEGE: WASHINGTON
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 210 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS This is the kind of receiver every quarterback wants to have. Boston's size obviously stands out first, but he's more than just a big-bodied, one-trick pony. He's athletic and versatile enough to move around the formation and gain initial separation with motion and leverage, and he shows impressive instincts after the catch, picking up extra yards on a regular basis. He's everything you'd expect from a bigger receiver as a red-zone target, too, with the strong hands, body control and spatial awareness to be lethal in contested-catch situations. Boston is a matchup nightmare for smaller defensive backs in man coverage and for less athletic linebackers and safeties in zone, with the awareness and smarts to be a reliable chain-mover at every level of the field.

WEAKNESSES The one thing keeping Boston from being a truly elite prospect is a lack of blazing speed, leaving him to rely more on his size and intelligence to create consistent separation, and his physicality and hands to win 50/50 balls when he can't get uncovered. He's an impressive creator after the catch, but even when he breaks off big gains, faster defensive backs can track him down from behind and keep him from getting to the end zone.

FINAL ANALYSIS Boston is a well-rounded pass catcher who should make an immediate impact in an NFL starting lineup. Teams that need a traditional X receiver with size, physicality and contested-catch ability should be particularly enthralled with his skill set, but he's athletic and versatile enough to be a dangerous playmaker from any alignment. He'll immediately become his new quarterback's best friend on every down, in any situation.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	4	2	15	7.5	0	1	2	1
2023	14	5	51	10.2	0	0	0	0
2024	13	63	834	13.2	9	0	0	0
2025	12	62	881	14.2	11	0	0	0
Career	43	132	1,781	13.5	20	1	2	1

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5 KC CONCEPCION

COLLEGE: TEXAS A&M
HEIGHT: 5-11 | WEIGHT: 190 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A big-play machine, Concepcion consistently takes the top off opposing defenses with his downfield explosiveness, forcing them to respect his deep-ball ability on every snap. He brings the same threat after the catch, with short-area burst and vision to make timely cuts and get back up to full speed, and playing with the physicality to break through arm-tackle attempts. He's a sharp route-runner who sets DBs up for failure with precise cuts and the spatial awareness to settle into voids in zone coverage and quickly get upfield with the ball in his hands. He's got strong hands and isn't afraid of contact at the catch point, despite his smaller frame, and he can adjust his speed at a moment's notice to keep defenders guessing on the fly.

WEAKNESSES He plays with a ton of toughness and physicality for his size, but Concepcion can still struggle against bigger, more physical corners who can frustrate him with strength and length, especially in press-man coverage. He's a willing downfield blocker, but his size holds him back in that department as well, and he could use some improved technique to help mitigate his physical shortcomings when holding his own at the point of attack.

FINAL ANALYSIS Despite his lack of ideal size, Concepcion has dynamic playmaking ability, and he does all the little things extremely well. His reliable hands, intelligence and explosiveness make him as complete a receiver as you'll see under six feet, and his ability to line up outside or in the slot increases his upside and scheme versatility. Even if he's not a true No. 1 receiver at the next level, Concepcion could put up huge numbers in a pass-happy offense.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2023	13	71	839	11.8	10	41	320	0
2024	12	53	460	8.7	6	19	36	2
2025	13	61	919	15.1	9	10	75	1
Career	38	185	2,218	12.0	25	70	431	3

6 ZACHARIAH BRANCH

COLLEGE: GEORGIA
HEIGHT: 5-10 | WEIGHT: 180 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Blink and you'll miss him. Branch plays like he has the powers of teleportation, disappearing from a dead stop on a quick screen and reanimating as a blur in the secondary as he heads to the end zone. His straight-line speed can create big plays over the top and after the catch, while his short-area burst and fluidity make him a headache for would-be tacklers in the open field. Branch is more than just pure speed, though; his combination of body control and strong hands allows him to make contested catches you wouldn't usually associate with a smaller speed receiver. His explosiveness, agility, vision and instincts make Branch a dangerous weapon in the return game, too.

WEAKNESSES It's no surprise at his size, but Branch can struggle against bigger, more physical corners when faced with press coverage at the line of scrimmage, and the same difficulties present themselves when he's trying to fight through contact at the top of his routes when those defenders stay sticky. His nuance and polish as a route-runner need some work, and his undersized frame makes it difficult for Branch to be effective as a downfield blocker. Durability concerns will always be present for a receiver his size as well.

FINAL ANALYSIS At worst, Branch's elite speed and game-breaking ability with the ball in his hands should make a massive impact in the return game and as a secondary option in any NFL passing game. But there's also a path to WR1 impact in the same way Tyreek Hill found it, where Branch's route-running skills develop and he becomes a go-to target and legit superstar in the right spot.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2023	11	31	320	10.3	2	9	70	1
2024	12	47	503	10.7	1	2	17	0
2025	14	81	811	10.0	6	4	7	0
Career	37	159	1,634	10.3	9	15	94	1

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CHRIS BELL

COLLEGE: LOUISVILLE
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 220 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A unique playmaker with a fun blend of size and athleticism, Bell creates matchup problems for opposing defenses with his skill set. He's physical and explosive after the catch, breaking arm tackles and picking up extra yards through contact. He's versatile enough to line up outside or in the slot, and even as a move tight end to isolate him on linebackers and safeties downfield. Bell has impressive speed for his size, showing the ability to break away from would-be tacklers after the catch, turning quick screens and slants into chunk plays and touchdowns. He's also a willing blocker who puts his size and strength to good use when helping out teammates when the ball's not in his hands.

WEAKNESSES Bell still needs some polish as a route-runner, as he lacks some sharpness coming in and out of his breaks, as well as the fluidity and short-area quickness to create consistent separation against agile defensive backs. Bell doesn't mind getting physical from snap to whistle, but he can be too interested in creating contact with his defender instead of trying to separate, which can lead to more contested catches than are necessary. He'll also be coming off a late-season knee injury, which could impact his draft process and rookie-year availability.

FINAL ANALYSIS It's tough to nail down Bell's range in terms of draft position due to his injury, but at full strength, he's proven he can be a valuable weapon with his size/athleticism combo. Any creative offensive coordinator at the next level should be pounding the table to add him to their arsenal of weapons, giving them the opportunity to create mismatches with his physical traits while refining his route-running and technique to unlock another level to his game.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	9	7	105	15.0	0	0	0	0
2023	14	29	407	14.0	2	0	0	0
2024	13	43	737	17.1	4	2	43	0
2025	11	72	917	12.7	6	0	0	0
Career	47	151	2,166	14.3	12	2	43	0

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CHRIS BRAZZELL II

COLLEGE: TENNESSEE
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 200 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Huge and athletic, Brazzell has a towering frame that presents an obvious challenge for defensive backs, none of whom can match the size and length he brings to the table. He's a long strider who can eat up a ton of yardage in just a few steps, and he can surprise DBs and stack them quicker than they expect from such a big target. He uses his wingspan to reel the ball in away from his body, making him a dangerous weapon in 50/50 situations and in the red zone. He shows impressive hip fluidity and route-running prowess for such a tall receiver, with smooth transitions in and out of his breaks that can create separation. Brazzell shows impressive deep-ball tracking ability when he gets behind the defense, giving his quarterback a valuable downfield target.

WEAKNESSES Height is a valuable trait, but Brazzell's frame is still fairly lean, even though he's listed at 200 pounds. As a result, he's not as physical as you might expect from a 6-foot-5 receiver, and the NFL's tougher corners will challenge his ability to play through contact and still maximize his height and length. He still needs some refinement as a route-runner on more complex patterns, and he's prone to frustrating concentration lapses.

FINAL ANALYSIS The upside is obvious here, as Brazzell's physical tools would bring unique value to any NFL receiver room. There's also a ton of room for improvement, as some added bulk could improve his physicality, and sharpening his concentration at the catch point and the intricacy of his routes would be a welcome addition to his skill set. He's got a solid floor as a red-zone and deep-ball merchant, but there's a limitless ceiling if he makes those improvements.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	2	1	11	11.0	0	0	0	0
2023	13	44	711	16.2	5	0	0	0
2024	13	29	333	11.5	2	0	0	0
2025	12	62	1,017	16.4	9	0	0	0
Career	40	136	2,072	15.2	16	0	0	0

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JA'KOBI LANE

COLLEGE: USC
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 200 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A can't-miss target, Lane uses his height and length to make life difficult on smaller defenders, consistently snatching the ball away from his body. He's a long strider who can eat up chunks of yardage quickly, turning quick screens and hitches into chain-movers. Lane can get savvy with his double-move routes, selling underneath action to free himself for wide-open opportunities down the field. His huge catch radius and leaping ability make Lane a valuable weapon in the red zone, where he can be a mismatch capable of hauling in passes that no defender has a chance at knocking away.

WEAKNESSES Lane doesn't have blazing speed to take the top off the defense on straight go routes, and he lacks the lateral quickness and short-area burst to consistently shake defenders in the open field after the catch. He's not the most fluid route-runner, and he could use some added sharpness coming in and out of his breaks to increase separation on more complex intermediate routes. His lean frame can keep Lane from maximizing his size against press coverage at the line of scrimmage against tougher, more physical corners.

FINAL ANALYSIS The height and catch radius are enough to catch the eye of NFL teams here, and it'll give Lane a clear path to immediate snaps and targets at the next level. If he can sharpen his route-running skills, improve his fluidity and short-area quickness and perhaps add a little bulk to his frame to bolster his physicality, Lane could unlock additional levels to his ceiling as a more complete player.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2023	6	7	93	13.3	2	0	0	0
2024	13	43	525	12.2	12	0	0	0
2025	11	49	745	15.2	4	0	0	0
Career	30	99	1,363	13.8	18	0	0	0

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OMAR COOPER JR.

COLLEGE: INDIANA
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 204 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A sure-handed target with tons of quickness, Cooper has impressive short-area burst that can turn quick throws into long gains, and he rarely lets the ball hit the ground when it comes his way. His combination of size, explosiveness and contact balance makes him a dangerous weapon after the catch, and he's got the vision and playmaking instincts to weave through would-be tacklers and create big plays. He's got a knack for making highlight-reel catches, even when blanketed by coverage, and he takes his game to another level in clutch moments. He tracks the deep ball effectively and is comfortable catching the ball away from his frame to eliminate opportunities for the defender to knock it away. Cooper has enough straight-line speed to expose 1-on-1 coverage, and he sells a double-move route as well as any receiver in this class.

WEAKNESSES The next step in Cooper's development as a go-to receiver will come in the route-running department, where his command of the entire route tree still has plenty of room to grow. He needs to be more consistent with his lower body, cleaning up his footwork and sinking his hips to explode out of his breaks and create separation. He's a willing participant as a downfield blocker and does his best to use his solid frame to his advantage, but his technique needs improvement.

FINAL ANALYSIS There's WR1 potential here if Cooper can develop his route-running skills, which would take his game to another level. As it is, he's an ideal No. 2 target who can win over the top and after the catch, with the reliable hands and knack for coming through in the clutch that any NFL passing game would love to add at some point on Day 2.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	4	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2023	9	18	267	14.8	2	0	0	0
2024	13	28	594	21.2	7	2	23	1
2025	16	69	937	13.6	13	3	74	1
Career	42	115	1,798	15.6	22	5	97	2

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MALACHI FIELDS

COLLEGE: NOTRE DAME
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 222 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A power forward of a pass catcher, Fields consistently bodies defenders with his huge frame, turning most 50/50 balls into 80/20 balls. He uses his size to box out smaller corners, and he knows how to maximize his length to snare passes with full extension instead of letting them get into his chest and giving the defender a better chance of knocking the ball away. Fields is a polished route-runner with impressive fluidity for a bigger receiver, using subtle movements and a high understanding of leverage to create just enough separation to give his quarterback an open target downfield. Fields brings valuable intangibles to the table as a fiery competitor and respected leader, and he knows how to come through in the clutch.

WEAKNESSES While he showed the ability to overwhelm smaller corners at the line of scrimmage in college, that won't be enough against NFL defenders, who will challenge him to develop better release technique against press coverage. Fields simply doesn't have the long speed to scare opposing defenses over the top or run away from man coverage on deep crossers, and it limits his ability to create big gains after the catch. He's forced to rely on his size and length in just about every situation to mitigate his lack of explosiveness.

FINAL ANALYSIS The skill set and role are obvious here, as Fields doesn't need elite speed or explosiveness to be a valuable target at the next level. Improving his release technique would make him even more dominant as a possession receiver and red-zone weapon, but any NFL offense that needs a big chain-mover who can create mismatches near the goal line should be big fans of his game.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2021	11	11	172	15.6	0	0	0	0
2022	1	5	58	11.6	1	0	0	0
2023	12	58	811	14.0	5	1	-6	0
2024	12	55	808	14.7	5	0	0	0
2025	12	36	630	17.5	5	0	0	0
Career	48	165	2,479	15.0	16	1	-6	0

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GERMIE BERNARD

COLLEGE: ALABAMA
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 204 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Route-running and reliable hands are the calling cards for Bernard, who always gives his quarterback an easy target. His technique allows him to create consistent separation as a route-runner despite a lack of elite speed. He uses his solid frame to shield defenders from the ball and uses full extension to reel in throws away from his body. He's savvy after the catch, quickly turning into a running back to pick up extra yardage, and his football IQ shines when he's exploiting voids in zone coverage. Bernard tracks the deep ball extremely well, using his size and strong hands to reel in the ball despite contact at the catch point. He's a well-rounded receiver who can line up outside or in the slot, and he can attack opposing defenses at every level of the field.

WEAKNESSES He can be explosive in short bursts, but Bernard doesn't have the elite straight-line speed to scare opposing defenses over the top, and he can get caught from behind on long catch-and-runs. Despite decent size, Bernard is still learning how to maximize his frame at the line of scrimmage, and he can still get disrupted by physical corners at the snap in press coverage. He's a willing downfield blocker, but his technique still needs a ton of work.

FINAL ANALYSIS Bernard's lack of top-end speed limits his upside, and his work-in-progress physicality leaves plenty of room for improvement. But even if he never becomes the primary target, his route-running skills, reliable hands and alignment versatility make him the ideal WR2 candidate who can move the chains and take advantage of 1-on-1 matchups all over the field.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	12	7	128	18.3	2	1	3	0
2023	14	34	419	12.3	2	13	43	2
2024	13	50	794	15.9	2	4	37	1
2025	14	64	862	13.5	7	18	101	2
Career	53	155	2,203	14.2	13	36	184	5

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ELIJAH SARRATT

COLLEGE: INDIANA

HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 213 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A wide receiver's primary trait should always be the ability to catch the ball consistently, and Sarratt's hands are absolute magnets. His hand-eye coordination is superb, with the ability to track the ball and grab it away from his frame, or use late movement to surprise defenders and win contested-catch situations on slot fades and back-shoulder throws. He's a smart player who shows an advanced understanding of leverage and coverages, as well as the situational awareness to match his route depth to the sticks and set his defender up for failure, especially in clutch situations. Sarratt possesses sound route-running skills, with sharp movements in and out of his breaks, and he uses his size to absorb contact without dropping the ball or missing out on additional yardage after the catch.

WEAKNESSES Sarratt doesn't have the straight-line speed to threaten opposing defenses over the top, and he lacks the explosiveness and short-area burst to be a consistent big-play threat after the catch. His size is an advantage against press coverage, but he needs to develop better releases off the line of scrimmage. Improving his hand usage and footwork would help him create more initial separation at the snap and mitigate his lack of speed and explosiveness.

FINAL ANALYSIS He may never be a burner who scares opposing defenses with his ability to take the top off, but what Sarratt does well, he does extremely well. His reliable hands and consistency at the catch point, even with significant contact, should be enough to carve out a valuable starting role in any offense that needs a consistent chain-mover who makes his best plays in the most critical moments.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	12	42	699	16.6	13	7	47	0
2023	13	82	1,191	14.5	8	1	1	1
2024	13	53	957	18.1	8	0	0	0
2025	14	65	830	12.8	15	0	0	0
Career	52	242	3,677	15.2	44	8	48	1

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DEION BURKS

COLLEGE: OKLAHOMA

HEIGHT: 5-9 | WEIGHT: 188 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Undersized but explosive, Burks is a big-play threat who gets up to top speed in a hurry. His acceleration is a handful for defensive backs off the snap, and he has that extra gear to separate on the deep ball for huge chunks of yardage. He tracks the ball extremely well downfield, matching his pace to the trajectory of the throw and timing his hands and eyes to reel it in. He's got soft hands and doesn't let the ball get into his body, and his experience shows through in his ability to find voids in zone coverage and settle down for easy completions. He's a dynamic playmaker in space who can take advantage of manufactured touches and quick hitters, and he's got a great feel for creating separation with subtle moves against man coverage.

WEAKNESSES Burks' size presents clear limitations from a physicality standpoint, and his lack of length could present problems against bigger corners with the wingspans to beat him to the catch point. He can struggle with those mismatches in press coverage, where he can get disrupted and rerouted off the snap. That frame will carry durability questions at the next level, and Burks has already dealt with multiple injuries throughout his career.

FINAL ANALYSIS Despite his physical stature, Burks has a proven track record of creating explosive plays downfield and after the catch, and that will always have a ton of value to NFL teams. The durability concerns will persist, but if he can stay healthy, Burks could quickly become a valuable big-play weapon for any passing game.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2021	4	1	26	26.0	0	2	3	0
2022	14	15	149	9.9	0	1	4	0
2023	12	47	629	13.4	7	4	12	0
2024	5	31	245	7.9	3	5	32	0
2025	13	57	620	10.9	4	6	-1	0
Career	48	151	1,669	11.1	14	18	50	0

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ANTONIO WILLIAMS

COLLEGE: CLEMSON

HEIGHT: 5-11 | WEIGHT: 190 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A polished route-runner with smarts and quickness, Williams knows how to create consistent separation with sharp cuts and slight adjustments that lead to big advantages. He's sudden and decisive at the top of his route breaks, and he flashes late hands to limit the defender's chance to deflect the ball when it comes his way. He tracks the deep ball with impressive concentration, and he's got strong hands that allow him to win more contested catches than you might expect for a sub-six-foot receiver. He can create extra yardage after the catch with solid vision and instincts, and he brings those same traits to the return game, where he can be a valuable weapon.

WEAKNESSES Williams can struggle to beat bigger, more physical corners off the line when faced with press coverage, and his releases have too much wasted motion that will need to be cleaned up at the next level. He's got enough short-area burst and lateral agility to create separation in tight spaces, but Williams doesn't have the elite straight-line speed to consistently burn defenses deep. His production dipped considerably in 2025 thanks to a nagging early-season injury, so durability will be key for his success at the next level.

FINAL ANALYSIS While he may not have the size or physicality to win consistently on the outside in the NFL, Williams has the savvy and experience to make an immediate and sustained impact as a slot receiver at the next level. If he can stay healthy and refine his footwork and hand usage off the snap, Williams could become a productive target in 3-wide sets.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	14	56	604	10.8	4	5	8	0
2023	5	22	224	10.2	2	0	0	0
2024	14	75	904	12.1	11	7	101	0
2025	10	55	604	11.0	4	13	78	0
Career	43	208	2,336	11.2	21	25	187	0

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SKYLER BELL

COLLEGE: UCONN
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 185 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Smart and smooth, Bell is a savvy route-runner who wins with nuance and calculated pacing every step of the way. He sets up defenders with well-timed fakes and quick feet, achieving consistent separation against man coverage and creating big-play opportunities downfield on double-moves. He attacks contested catches well for a lighter receiver, using strong hands, body control and concentration to mitigate any physical shortcomings at the catch point, and he understands leverage at a high level to win on option routes. Bell shows solid vision and short-area burst after the catch, turning quick targets into chain-moving completions.

WEAKNESSES Most of Bell's deficiencies point back to his slight frame, which limits his physicality in a variety of areas. He can get bullied off the line by bigger, more physical corners in press coverage, and he struggled to run through contact after the catch. He can get outmuscled at the catch point when he's at a size disadvantage, and his toughness and durability will be tested against NFL competition. Bell needs to sharpen his release mechanics, and he needs to be more decisive and intentional as he starts his approach off the snap.

FINAL ANALYSIS What he lacks in size and physicality, Bell makes up for with impressive route-running chops and a high football IQ that shows up all over the place. Doing all the little things well can get you plenty far in the NFL, and if he can hold up to the rigors of the pro game and improve his releases, Bell should have no problem developing into a productive contributor with starter potential.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2021	1	1	15	15.0	0	0	0	0
2022	13	30	444	14.8	5	13	160	0
2023	12	38	296	7.8	1	0	0	0
2024	13	50	860	17.2	5	0	4	0
2025	13	101	1,278	12.7	13	2	-2	0
Career	52	220	2,893	13.2	24	15	162	0

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TED HURST

COLLEGE: GEORGIA STATE
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 195 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A king of contested catches, Hurst knows how to use his height and catch radius to win 50/50 balls with regularity, plucking the ball well away from his body with strong, reliable hands. He tracks the ball well downfield and shows the body control and spatial awareness to keep his feet inbounds when targeted in the end zone. He's a savvy route-runner with a great feel for the soft spots in zone coverage, and he knows how to adjust his routes to account for down and distance in clutch situations. Hurst has shown the versatility, athleticism and intelligence to line up at any receiver spot and win consistently, and he knows how to use his tall frame to shield defenders from the ball.

WEAKNESSES Despite his height, Hurst has a lean frame that allows more physical defenders to push him around in press coverage. His release technique at the line of scrimmage still needs a ton of work, from improving his footwork to using his hands more effectively to get clean looks off the snap. He can suffer the occasional head-scratching drop on a routine target, and his lack of strength limits his ability to run through contact after the catch. Hurst's tape is impressive, but coming from a Sun Belt program, there will be questions about the level of competition.

FINAL ANALYSIS Hurst brings intriguing physical traits and upside to the table as a red-zone weapon with alignment versatility and awareness as a route-runner. He'll immediately bolster the depth of any receiver room at the next level, making an instant impact in high-leverage situations while developing a more complete skill set in hopes of becoming a full-time starter in time.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	11	22	431	19.6	6	0	0	0
2023	14	38	596	15.7	4	0	0	0
2024	12	56	961	17.2	9	0	0	0
2025	12	71	1,004	14.1	6	0	0	0
Career	49	187	2,992	16.0	25	0	0	0

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ERIC McALISTER

COLLEGE: TCU
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 205 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A big-play weapon with ideal size, McAlister can beat defenses over the top with long-striding speed, or after the catch with impressive physicality. He'll break tackles on the way to big gains or track the deep ball to the end zone, using his frame and length to outreach opposing defenders at the catch point. He's not afraid to make tough catches in traffic over the middle, and McAlister brings plenty of grit to the ground game as a downfield blocker. He's got the spatial awareness to find voids in zone coverage, and his size routinely gives his quarterback easy layups that can turn into explosive plays after a couple of missed tackles.

WEAKNESSES McAlister still needs some refinement as a route-runner, as he tends to round out some of his patterns as he comes out of his break, ceding just enough ground that will make the difference between catches and pass breakups at the next level. He'd benefit from expanding his route tree and sharpening his footwork, and there were a handful of easily avoidable drops that popped up on film. He can create big plays downfield and after the catch, but McAlister doesn't have elite straight-line speed to consistently scare opposing defenses over the top.

FINAL ANALYSIS The building blocks are all there for McAlister to eventually develop into a productive starter, but his route-running still needs a fair bit of work, and he has to eliminate the easy drops. The size and big-play ability are NFL-ready even if he's not a complete player just yet, but there's a ton of upside here if a team can be patient.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	13	11	259	23.6	4	0	0	0
2023	9	47	873	18.6	5	0	0	0
2024	13	39	762	19.5	5	0	0	0
2025	13	72	1,190	16.5	10	0	0	0
Career	48	169	3,084	18.3	24	0	0	0

19 BRYCE LANCE

COLLEGE: NORTH DAKOTA STATE
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 209 | AGE: 24

STRENGTHS An absolute touchdown machine with big-play ability, Lance used his size and athleticism to dominate FCS competition, finding the end zone 27 times over the past two seasons (two of them via rushes). His ability to create explosive plays was impossible to miss in 2025, when he averaged more than 21 yards per catch for the Bison. He's strong at the catch point, with reliable hands and body control to box out smaller defenders and come down with the ball. He tracks the deep ball consistently, and he uses his size and physicality to run through contact and pick up extra yardage after the catch. Lance is an experienced special-teamer who brings toughness and intangibles to the table.

WEAKNESSES Lance still needs a ton of work as a route-runner, as he's used to winning more with physicality and aggressiveness than nuance and technique to create consistent separation from the defender. He ran away from plenty of opponents at the FCS level, but he'll have to prove he's fast enough to leave NFL defensive backs in the dust. He's got the physical tools to be a dominant downfield blocker in the run game, but his technique still needs a good bit of refinement.

FINAL ANALYSIS The size and physicality are obvious with Lance, but he'll have to improve his polish as a route-runner if he wants to develop into a starting receiver at the professional level. Questions about his straight-line speed and level of competition will persist until he answers them against NFL opponents, but there's plenty of upside here based on Lance's film and physical tools.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	13	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2023	15	1	7	7.0	0	0	0	0
2024	16	75	1,071	14.3	17	5	29	1
2025	13	51	1,079	21.2	8	4	92	1
Career	57	127	2,157	17.0	25	9	121	2

20 JOSH CAMERON

COLLEGE: BAYLOR
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 224 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Cameron is built more like a running back than a wide receiver, as his size and physicality are noticeable right away on tape (it's not just that No. 34 jersey). He can create big plays after the catch with impressive contact balance and toughness, breaking arm tackles and often requiring multiple defenders to take him down once he gets a full head of steam. He also puts his frame to good use over the middle, where he's confident enough to make difficult catches in traffic. Cameron's versatile skill set allows him to attack opposing defenses from just about any spot on the field, and he shows the intelligence and awareness to read coverages quickly and find the faults he can exploit.

WEAKNESSES Cameron needs to develop more nuance and polish as a route-runner, as the film shows a player who leans a bit too heavily on his physical traits rather than on his technical prowess. He needs to be more consistent when lining up his footwork to match his core and upper body, eliminating false steps coming out of his breaks in order to create more consistent separation. He can accelerate well to pick up yards after the catch, but Cameron doesn't have the elite wheels to consistently burn defenses deep.

FINAL ANALYSIS There's a unique skill set here, and while Cameron still needs a ton of refinement as a route-runner to counter his lack of top-end speed, his thick frame and physicality give him intriguing upside. A creative offensive coordinator should be able to get the most out of his physical traits and versatility.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2021	3	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2022	13	28	386	13.8	0	1	1	0
2023	12	21	224	10.7	0	2	1	0
2024	13	52	754	14.5	10	0	0	0
2025	12	69	872	12.6	9	0	0	0
Career	53	170	2,236	13.2	19	3	2	0

21 KEVIN COLEMAN JR.

COLLEGE: MISSOURI
HEIGHT: 5-11 | WEIGHT: 180 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A dangerous weapon with impressive wheels, Coleman can turn on the afterburners to create big plays down the field or after the catch. He's a refined route-runner with the short-area burst and lateral quickness to create immediate and consistent separation against man coverage, and he can expose voids in zone coverage by getting upfield quickly for additional yardage. Coleman has surprising success in contested-catch situations for a smaller receiver, showing strong hands at the catch point and a willingness to play through contact from bigger defenders. He's smart and competitive, with a knack for coming through with big catches in key moments, and he brings added value in the return game.

WEAKNESSES As is the case with many smaller pass catchers, Coleman can struggle to beat press coverage at the line of scrimmage, and more physical corners can stress his limited catch radius when he's not able to create separation before the ball comes his way. His lack of size translates to limited physicality after the catch, forcing him to make defenders miss with elusiveness instead of breaking tackles. His lean frame is likely to cause durability concerns for NFL teams.

FINAL ANALYSIS Coleman's speed and quickness along with his route-running ability will be enough to move the needle for an NFL team in the middle rounds. His ability to create big plays in multiple ways gives him a ton of potential, even if his impact comes in a reserve role on offense and immediate contributions in the return game.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	13	32	475	14.8	3	1	-1	0
2023	14	26	362	13.9	2	6	25	0
2024	12	74	932	12.6	6	4	11	0
2025	13	66	732	11.1	1	9	76	0
Career	52	198	2,501	12.6	12	20	111	0

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CJ DANIELS

COLLEGE: MIAMI (FLA.)
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 205 | AGE: 25

STRENGTHS Big and athletic, Daniels has a flair for creating highlight-reel plays as a downfield target. His combination of size, athleticism and body control allows him to haul in passes most receivers would never dream of catching, and his strong hands at the catch point are what seal the deal. He's got the physicality to play through contact and make challenging catches over the middle, and he can break tackles to create valuable yardage after the catch. He's got the versatility to line up outside or in the slot, and Daniels has the initial burst to beat his man off the line and force him into recovery mode for the rest of the play. He's a reliable target in clutch situations and has proven he can make big plays against top competition.

WEAKNESSES Daniels doesn't have the kind of top-end speed that will scare opposing defenses over the top, and he can get tracked down from behind on long catch-and-runs when defenders take proper angles to cut him off. He still needs some refinement as a route-runner, as too many of his patterns feature rounded breaks that need to be more precise if he wants to create separation against NFL defenders. For as big as he is, Daniels still needs to work on maximizing his size against press coverage at the line of scrimmage.

FINAL ANALYSIS The size and versatility Daniels brings to the table are intriguing, and his NFL quarterback will love his athleticism and catch radius to reel in anything that gets near him. He'll be limited to rotational work until he can polish his route-running skills and improve his release package against press coverage, but there's some big-play potential here.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2020	11	11	220	20.0	3	0	0	0
2021	13	37	634	17.1	7	0	0	1
2022	4	3	38	12.7	1	0	0	0
2023	14	55	1,067	19.4	10	0	0	0
2024	11	42	480	11.4	0	0	0	0
2025	13	50	557	11.1	7	0	0	0
Career	66	198	2,996	15.1	28	0	0	1

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BRENEN THOMPSON

COLLEGE: MISSISSIPPI STATE
HEIGHT: 5-9 | WEIGHT: 170 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Thompson is a nightmare for opposing defenses over the top and after the catch, and his elite speed jumps off the screen as soon as you press play. He can change direction on a dime, leaving would-be tacklers in the dust with elite lateral quickness and short-area burst. He's a technician with his releases off the line of scrimmage, varying his speeds and using clean, concise footwork to put him in the best position to beat his defender. He knows he can take the top off the defense anytime he wants, which gives Thompson opportunities to sell go routes hard before breaking them off and creating tons of separation at the intermediate levels of the field.

WEAKNESSES Thompson's undersized frame presents the usual issues, from a lack of physicality to questions about his ability to hold up against the toughness of NFL competition. If he gets jammed successfully at the line of scrimmage by bigger corners, Thompson can struggle to regain the timing and trajectory of his route, leading to problems for his quarterback if he looks his way. He's a willing participant as a blocker, but he simply lacks the mass to effectively anchor against stronger defenders.

FINAL ANALYSIS The skill set Thompson brings to the table here is obvious, and it's no less valuable just because it comes in a small package. What he lacks in size and physicality, Thompson makes up for with elite speed and big-play ability, something that won't be lost on NFL front offices when they need a spark on offense or special teams on Day 3.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	9	1	32	32.0	0	0	0	0
2023	7	7	241	34.4	2	0	0	0
2024	11	19	230	12.1	2	0	0	0
2025	13	57	1,054	18.5	6	4	14	1
Career	40	84	1,557	18.5	10	4	14	1

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REGGIE VIRGIL

COLLEGE: TEXAS TECH
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 190 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS An impressive route-runner with a big catch radius, Virgil has the height and length to give his quarterback a huge target, and he creates consistent separation with a healthy combination of mental and physical traits. He shows stellar awareness and feel for setting up defenders with a series of subtle moves and adjustments throughout his routes, and his ability to snatch the ball away from his body makes it difficult for anyone to beat him at the catch point. He's an effective deep-ball tracker who stays focused until the ball lands in his hands, and he shows surprising lateral quickness for a taller receiver. Virgil has valuable versatility, with the ability to line up on the outside or in the slot.

WEAKNESSES Virgil has a long, lanky frame that lacks bulk, which can lead to stronger corners giving him fits at the line of scrimmage when he draws press-man coverage. Bigger defenders who can match his length but bring more toughness and physicality to the table can frustrate his releases and disrupt his timing with the quarterback by rerouting him at the snap. That lack of thickness doesn't do him any favors as a run blocker, either, as he struggles to lock down his assignment and prevent the defender from shaking free to make tackles downfield.

FINAL ANALYSIS With this combination of size, versatility, intelligence and wingspan, Virgil will check plenty of valuable boxes for NFL teams. He should make an immediate impact in four-wide sets that require the alignment variance he can provide, with his catch radius and awareness making the most of every target that comes his way.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	11	1	28	28.0	0	0	0	0
2023	12	1	34	34.0	1	0	0	0
2024	13	41	816	19.9	9	0	0	0
2025	14	57	705	12.4	6	2	35	2
Career	50	100	1,583	15.8	16	2	35	2

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ERIC RIVERS

COLLEGE: GEORGIA TECH
HEIGHT: 5-11 | WEIGHT: 180 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A speedy target with the ability to create explosive plays in a variety of ways, Rivers can vary his speeds at a pace that causes confusion for opposing defenses, throttling up and down to keep them one step behind. He's a constant threat to take the top off the defense, and he brings the same explosiveness to his after-the-catch prowess. He's a refined route-runner to all levels of the field, and he tracks the deep ball like a center fielder waiting under a pop fly. Despite his undersized frame, Rivers isn't afraid of contact and will go over the middle to make tough catches. He's also undaunted by bigger defenders in contested-catch situations.

WEAKNESSES Rivers' small, slight frame will lead to the usual questions about durability at the next level, especially given his willingness to punch above his weight class in terms of physicality. He'll have to prove he can stay healthy if he wants to maintain that kind of playing style against NFL competition. Expanding his route tree would be ideal to help Rivers develop into a more complete receiver, and he can have a hard time beating press coverage at the line of scrimmage if a stronger corner gets his hands on him early.

FINAL ANALYSIS The recipe for success is clear for Rivers, who overcomes his size limitations with speed and big-play ability. His competitive fire and toughness are admirable, but it might be difficult for him to stay healthy while playing that brand of football in the pros at his size. No matter what, his explosiveness shouldn't have trouble finding a home on Day 3.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2021	6	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2022	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2023	11	32	370	11.6	2	1	3	0
2024	12	62	1,172	18.9	12	1	-3	0
2025	13	46	658	14.3	2	7	56	0
Career	43	140	2,200	15.7	16	9	56	0

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AARON ANDERSON

COLLEGE: LSU
HEIGHT: 5-8 | WEIGHT: 188 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Short but well-built, Anderson brings surprising toughness to the table for a receiver his size, but his blazing speed is what gets the attention of opposing defensive coordinators. He's an absolute burner who can scorch defenses over the top with the deep ball, forcing coverages to account for him on every play. He runs crisp routes with clear separation out of his breaks, and he shows solid hands to reel the ball in quickly and get upfield for extra yardage. His elite burst makes him dangerous after the catch as well as in the return game, where he's a threat to take any kick all the way for a score. Anderson isn't afraid to make tough catches over the middle, a vital skill when you line up in the slot.

WEAKNESSES It may sound like a broken record at this point, but all of the undersized receivers in this draft class must deal with the same drawbacks and concerns — from questions about durability when facing NFL competition to their struggles against bigger, tougher defensive backs who will overwhelm them in press coverage. Anderson is no exception, and he'll have to prove he can overcome his physical limitations and stay healthy at the next level.

FINAL ANALYSIS Even if he never earns a full-time starting role due to his lack of size, Anderson's game-breaking speed should be enough on its own to get him on the field for some gadget plays and manufactured touches. He should also get every opportunity to make an immediate impact as a return man, where his explosiveness should be put to good use.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2023	11	12	59	4.9	0	0	0	0
2024	13	61	884	14.5	5	0	0	0
2025	9	33	398	12.1	0	1	2	0
Career	34	106	1,341	12.7	5	1	2	0

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LEWIS BOND

COLLEGE: BOSTON COLLEGE
HEIGHT: 5-11 | WEIGHT: 190 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Bond does all the little things that quarterbacks and coaches love in a receiver prospect, from the awareness and technique to run sharp and effective routes, to reliable hands that rarely let the ball hit the ground. He always seems one step ahead of whoever's covering him, getting lost in blind spots before breaking off a route, or using subtle head movements and foot fakes to create just enough separation to reel in the catch. He can accelerate quickly after the catch, turning a quick reception into big yardage if given the space to work. Bond's quickness and agility make him a constant headache for opposing defenders from snap to whistle.

WEAKNESSES Improving his releases should be a top priority for Bond as he enters the professional ranks. The film shows that aggressive corners can disrupt him consistently at the line of scrimmage, forcing him away from his desired path. He's quick and effective in short bursts, but Bond doesn't have the straight-line speed to challenge defenses over the top in 1-on-1 situations. He saw more volume in 2025 (career-high 88 receptions), but his scoring production has dipped considerably from seven touchdowns in 2023, to three in 2024, to only one score last season.

FINAL ANALYSIS While he lacks the speed to burn defenses deep or the size and physicality to dominate contested catches, Bond's reliable hands and sharp route-running skills are still worthy of an NFL roster spot. He should bolster the depth of any receiver room in the league, raising its floor and providing a reliable target when called upon, even in the absence of high-end upside.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2021	3	1	6	6.0	0	0	0	0
2022	6	5	51	10.2	0	0	0	0
2023	13	52	646	12.4	7	1	2	0
2024	13	67	689	10.3	3	3	4	0
2025	12	88	993	11.3	1	4	3	0
Career	47	213	2,385	11.2	11	8	9	0

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CALEB
DOUGLAS

COLLEGE: TEXAS TECH
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 205 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A valuable red-zone weapon, Douglas boasts a huge frame and wide catch radius, giving his quarterback an inviting target who can consistently win on the 50/50 balls. He can body smaller defensive backs at the catch point to convert in the end zone or move the chains in clutch situations, and his long reach can compensate for errant throws. He's got surprising lateral agility for a taller pass catcher, getting in and out of his route breaks without a lot of wasted movement. Douglas is a versatile receiver who can line up outside or give his offense a big slot option to take advantage of matchups against smaller nickel corners.

WEAKNESSES Douglas won't scare opposing defenses with his speed, and he also lacks the explosiveness in tight areas to create separation beyond his route-running techniques. His after-the-catch ability is often limited to working through contact to pick up a few extra yards, rather than burning the defense for big chunks. He's still learning how to maximize his enviable size against press coverage at the line of scrimmage, and NFL defenders will test his ability to win releases when they get their hands on him early.

FINAL ANALYSIS Even without elite speed and playmaking ability after the catch, most NFL offenses will always be in the market for receivers that bring this kind of size and contested-catch ability to the room. He may not develop into a complete player who can start consistently, but Douglas can still be a valuable red-zone option and core special-teamer.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	8	10	175	17.5	2	0	0	0
2023	5	11	133	12.1	1	0	0	0
2024	13	60	877	14.6	6	0	0	0
2025	14	54	846	15.7	7	0	0	0
Career	40	135	2,031	15.0	16	0	0	0

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KENDRICK
LAW

COLLEGE: KENTUCKY
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 203 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A tough target who possesses intriguing after-the-catch skills, Law isn't afraid of contact anywhere on the field. He'll make the tough catches over the middle, and he can take a quick screen and break a few tackles on his way to the end zone. He has impressive body control and balance that enable him to stay upright through contact, and his competitiveness is palpable every time he touches the ball, as well as when he's asked to block downfield for his teammates. Law has reliable hands that rarely let the ball hit the ground, providing his quarterback with a trusty option in any situation. Law's physical and mental traits give him potential in the return game, as well as other special teams units.

WEAKNESSES Law's route tree was extremely limited at Kentucky, so he'll have to prove to NFL teams that he's capable of developing an expanded skill set that sends him to the rest of the field instead of just quick throws that take advantage of his prowess after the catch. Despite his solid physical traits, Law's production was fairly meager after transferring from Alabama, catching 53 passes for 540 yards and three scores last year (all career highs).

FINAL ANALYSIS There's some development required here if Law wants to become a more full-fledged receiver at the next level, but right away, he should be able to contribute heavily on special teams. There's potential for him to earn a unique role in an offense that can scheme up touches for him while he expands his route-running skills.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	11	8	103	12.9	0	0	0	0
2023	13	15	135	9.0	0	0	0	0
2024	10	10	105	10.5	1	8	30	0
2025	12	53	540	10.2	3	8	53	0
Career	46	86	883	10.3	4	16	83	0

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TYREN
MONTGOMERY

COLLEGE: JOHN CARROLL
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 190 | AGE: 24

STRENGTHS A highly productive pass catcher with intriguing potential, Montgomery was once a basketball walk-on at LSU before putting up huge numbers (119 receptions for 1,528 yards and 15 touchdowns last season) on the gridiron at D-III John Carroll. Montgomery burst onto the national scene during the Senior Bowl practices, proving he belonged on the field with Power 5 competition by putting on a show just about every day in Mobile. His route-running prowess is impressive, and he also shows strong and reliable hands at the catch point. He's nuanced and intentional in his releases, stacking defenders quickly on deep routes and cutting his patterns sharply to create maximum separation.

WEAKNESSES Even after a strong week of practice at the Senior Bowl, questions will persist about Montgomery's ability to be a significant contributor against NFL competition. His flashes of brilliance in Mobile were combined with reps where he looked overwhelmed by his opponent, and he'll have to prove his gaudy production was more about him than who he was facing. He still needs some refinement when it comes to reading zone coverages and finding voids instead of running himself into defenders by not settling down in the soft spots.

FINAL ANALYSIS For a guy who didn't play football in high school, Montgomery being on the NFL radar at all is an accomplishment on its own. Montgomery clearly has the physical tools and competitiveness to push for a roster spot at the next level, and the right landing spot could allow him to develop into a valuable depth piece in the passing game.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2023	8	12	171	14.3	0	0	0	0
2024	12	57	1,071	18.8	17	8	184	3
2025	14	119	1,528	12.8	15	7	104	1
Career	34	188	2,770	14.7	32	15	288	4

Kenyon Sadiq

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1 KENYON SADIQ

COLLEGE: OREGON
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 245 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS The athleticism that Sadiq brings to the table is rare for the tight end position. He has the top-end speed and explosiveness to run by defenders for big plays downfield or after the catch, and his well-built frame gives him the physicality to break through arm-tackle attempts from smaller defenders in the secondary. Sadiq is a versatile route-runner who can attack all levels of the field with sharp breaks and valuable spatial and situational awareness, creating separation and exploiting voids in zone coverage. He's a tough target over the middle who isn't afraid of contact at the catch point, and his combination of body control and athletic ability allows him to contort his body and still come down with challenging receptions. Sadiq is a smart player who understands what defenses are trying to do, and his strong hands give the quarterback a reliable target against any coverage. He's willing to get his hands dirty in the run game, too, using his physicality to hold his own as a blocker.

WEAKNESSES Sadiq could use some improvements to his technique if he wants to be effective as an in-line blocker in the run game, especially with a frame that could already pose some challenges in the trenches against NFL edge defenders. When he's split out wide, more physical defenders at the next level could challenge his ability to get clean releases off the line of scrimmage. His production reached a new high in 2025, but he still wasn't the featured option in the passing game that you might expect from a potential top-20 pick.

FINAL ANALYSIS Even if he never becomes a dominant and polished blocker in the run game, Sadiq's athleticism and hands give him a ton of potential as a dynamic playmaker in the passing game. Some teams might be wary of spending a first-round pick on a tight end with relatively limited college production, but the physical profile here says that Sadiq could easily put up bigger numbers in the NFL than he did at Oregon.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TD	R-ATT	R-YDS	TD
2023	14	5	24	4.8	1	1	12	0
2024	14	24	308	12.8	2	5	24	0
2025	14	51	560	11.0	8	3	6	0
Career	42	80	892	11.2	11	9	42	0

2 MICHAEL TRIGG

COLLEGE: BAYLOR
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 240 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS This guy is a one-man highlight reel in the passing game. Trigg is a magnet for acrobatic catches, using his size and length to snatch the ball away from his body, along with displaying strong hands to hang on to the ball through contact. He's a challenging matchup for back-seven defenders, as smaller defensive backs have a hard time matching up with his size and physicality, while bigger linebackers struggle to hang with his athleticism. He's a savvy route-runner who can attack all levels of the field, and he's adept at finding soft spots in zone coverage. After the catch, Trigg is a load to bring down and often requires multiple tacklers, and he shows impressive agility when weaving his way down the field to create valuable extra yardage.

WEAKNESSES Trigg is still a work in progress as a blocker, limiting his value as an in-line player at this point in his development. He's got the size to hold the point of attack on the edge and upfield, but he lacks consistent technique, and stronger/more athletic defenders can expose his lack of polish with his hand usage, footwork and balance. He can be dominant in contested-catch situations, but some of those scenarios are created by Trigg's lack of elite timed speed.

FINAL ANALYSIS Every quarterback loves to have a reliable target at tight end who can bail out bad throws, move the chains in clutch situations and dominate in the red zone. Trigg checks all of those boxes, even if he needs a ton of work as a blocker if he wants to be a complete tight end who can line up anywhere and handle a wide range of roles. His big-play ability as a pass catcher is enough to warrant an early-round pick.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2021	5	7	109	15.6	1	0	0	0
2022	7	17	156	9.2	3	0	0	0
2023	3	4	65	16.3	1	0	0	0
2024	11	30	395	13.2	3	0	0	0
2025	11	50	694	13.9	6	0	0	0
Career	37	108	1,419	13.1	14	0	0	0

3 JOE ROYER

COLLEGE: CINCINNATI
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 255 | AGE: 24

STRENGTHS Most linebackers are too slow to hang with this guy in coverage, and most defensive backs are too small. Royer creates serious matchup problems for just about anybody in the back seven, with an impressive blend of size and athleticism that allows him to be a dangerous downfield target in just about any situation. He can beat defenses vertically down the seams or take quick catches and eat up chunks of yardage with surprising burst after the catch for someone of his size. Royer is a tenacious player who plays at full tilt from snap to whistle, and he isn't afraid to fight through contact for that extra yard. He brings that same mentality when asked to block, playing with a ton of effort even if he's physically outmatched at the point of attack.

WEAKNESSES Royer is still developing as a blocker, with plenty of room to grow in terms of his technique and power. He's got the frame to eventually grow into an effective presence in that department, but it'll take some time, patience and the right coaching staff to turn him into a more complete player at the next level, especially with the jump in competition. His physical tools as a pass catcher are obvious, but Royer could become a dominant receiving target if he works to improve the sharpness and precision of his routes.

FINAL ANALYSIS The athletic profile gives Royer a ton of upside as a dynamic weapon in the passing game, even if he still needs a ton of work in the blocking department if he wants to be a complete player. He could have an immediate impact as a part-time player for an NFL offense that needs the physical traits and pass-catching upside he brings, and some technical polish could raise his ceiling and improve his chances of a long pro career.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2021	5	1	9	9.0	0	0	0	0
2022	5	2	10	5.0	0	0	0	0
2023	4	1	5	5.0	0	0	0	0
2024	12	50	521	10.4	3	0	0	0
2025	13	29	416	14.3	4	0	0	0
Career	39	83	961	11.6	7	0	0	0

4 OSCAR DELP

COLLEGE: GEORGIA
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 245 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A dangerous pass-catching threat, Delp has a rare blend of size and speed that makes him a valuable weapon through the air. He can stretch the field vertically and create big plays down the seam, and his explosiveness can turn short catches into huge chunks of yardage after the catch. He's got strong, reliable hands, and he's got a knack for settling down in zone coverage to provide his quarterback with an easy target. His big frame and athleticism allow Delp to line up all over the formation, providing mismatch opportunities against smaller defensive backs in the slot and outside, and he's willing to mix it up as a blocker in the box. Delp is also an experienced special-teamer who can make an impact in every phase of the game.

WEAKNESSES While he's got experience and effort on his side as a blocker, Delp needs to improve his play strength at the point of attack if he wants to hold up as an in-line player in the run game against NFL edge players. The same is true when he's lined up in the slot, as tough, physical nickel defenders at the next level could give him some trouble in press coverage at the line of scrimmage. His technique as both a route-runner and a blocker needs refinement as well.

FINAL ANALYSIS Delp's athleticism and versatility will be highly valued by NFL teams, and his ability to stretch the field and create explosive plays in the passing game gives him a ton of upside. He'll need to get stronger and more technically sound if he wants to be consistently effective as a true every-down player who can line up anywhere on the field, but all of the potential is there.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	13	5	61	12.2	1	0	0	0
2023	14	24	284	11.8	3	0	0	0
2024	14	21	248	11.8	4	0	0	0
2025	14	20	261	13.1	1	0	0	0
Career	55	70	854	12.2	9	0	0	0

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5 ELI STOWERS

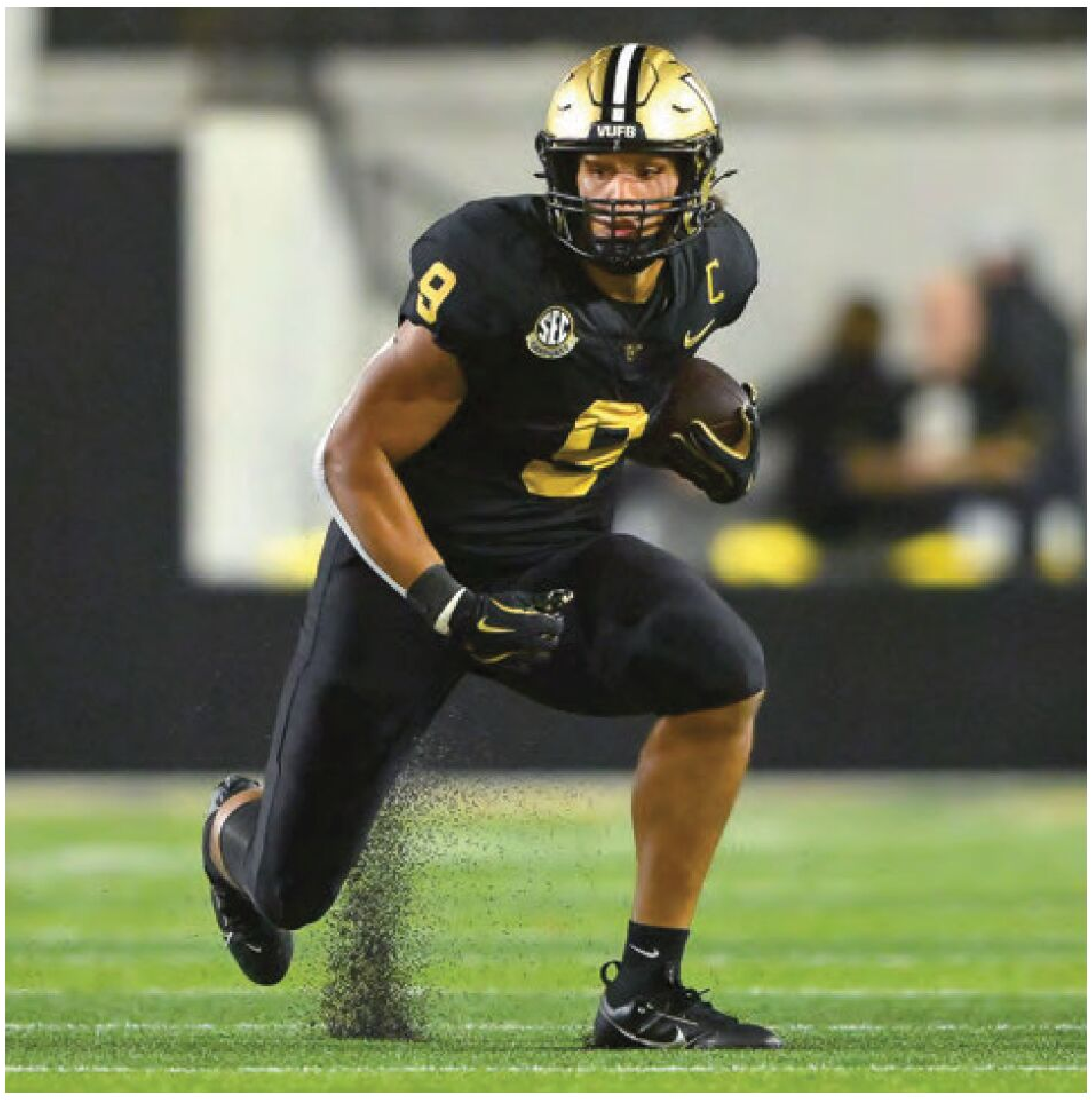
COLLEGE: VANDERBILT
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 235 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Good luck covering this guy with linebackers and safeties. Stowers is a consistent big-play threat who can attack down the seams, and he can create separation with sharp routes that stress opposing defenders who can't hang with his combination of size and athleticism. He's dangerous after the catch, using that same explosiveness to take quick throws and turn them into huge gains. He's shown the ability to take over games and put up huge numbers (seven receptions for 146 yards and two touchdowns vs. Texas, 12 receptions for 122 yards vs. Auburn), proving he can be the primary option in the passing game. Stowers has flashed a knack for making highlight-reel catches, even in traffic over the middle.

WEAKNESSES The Commodores lined Stowers up in-line plenty, but while he's willing to lend a hand as a blocker, he lacks the mass and strength to truly make a significant impact in that area of his game. That won't get easier against NFL defenders, which likely limits his role to being a pure pass catcher at the next level. While the acrobatic catches are impressive, Stowers dropped too many catchable passes for a tight end prospect who is primarily a receiving threat.

FINAL ANALYSIS He might not be a fit for every NFL offense, but Stowers' combination of size and athleticism gives him a ton of potential in a pass-happy offense that will let him loose as a downfield matchup weapon. He still needs to cut down on the head-scratching drops, but if his hands can become more consistent, Stowers has the physical tools and playmaking ability to be a star in the right situation.

GRADE 4th Round



YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2021	3	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2022	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2023	15	35	366	10.5	2	28	108	2
2024	13	49	638	13.0	5	6	7	0
2025	12	62	769	12.4	4	2	2	0
Career	45	146	1,773	12.1	11	36	117	2

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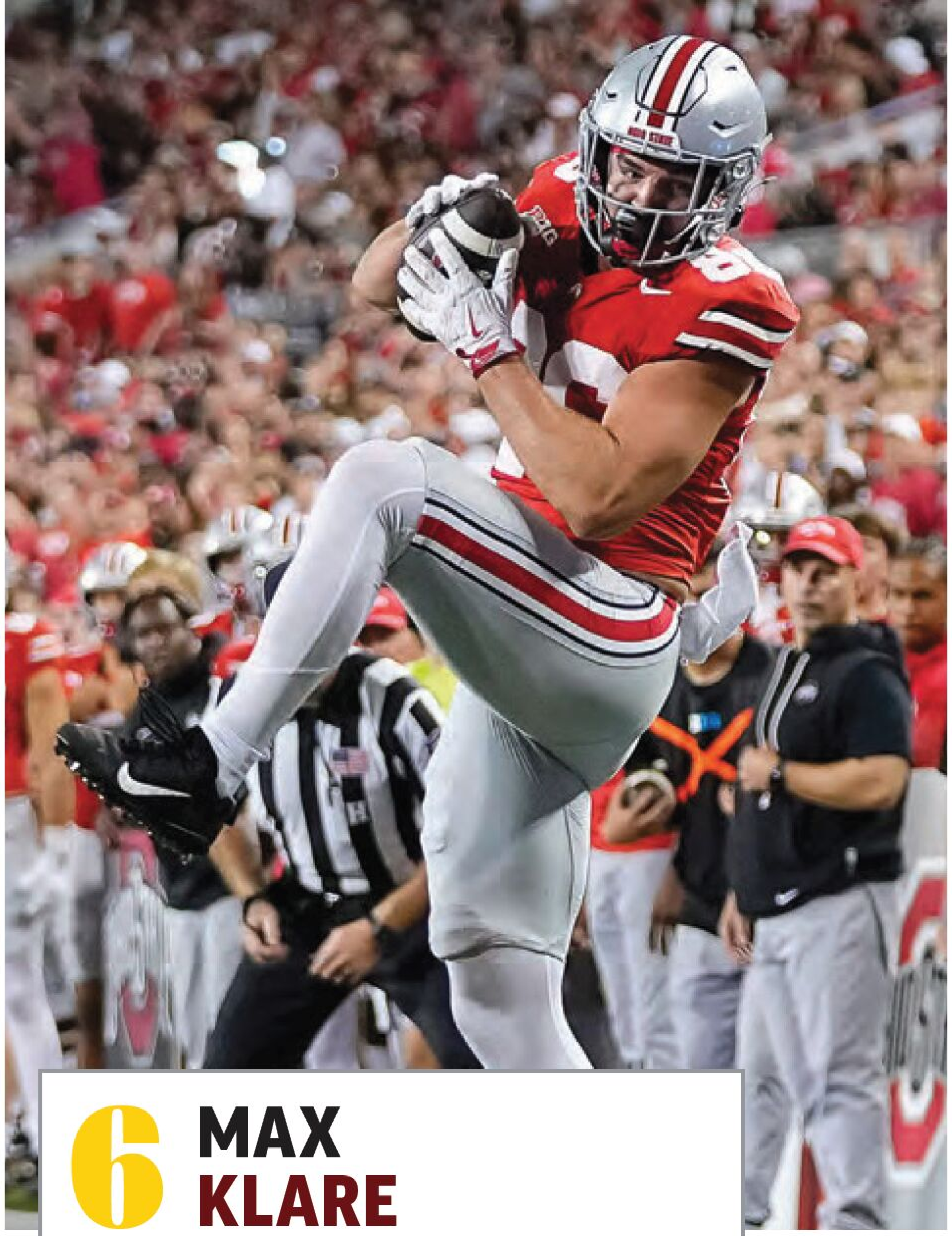

6 MAX KLARE

COLLEGE: OHIO STATE
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 243 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A big target with reliable hands, Klare has a background as a high-school quarterback that shows through in his understanding of opposing defenses and coverages, making him a valuable presence for whoever is throwing him the ball. He's got the size and length to present challenges for defenders at the catch point, grabbing the ball away from his body and eliminating opportunities for pass breakups with an impressive catch radius. He's got alignment versatility that gives the offensive coordinator a ton of options, no matter the formation, and he can pick up valuable yards after the catch if tacklers don't get to him immediately before he turns upfield. As a route-runner, Klare will take advantage of poor leverage and expose technical mistakes to create separation.

WEAKNESSES While he's been lined up all over the formation, Klare lacks the strength and technique to be a consistently effective blocker at the line of scrimmage, which could limit his versatility at the next level. He's a decent overall athlete, but Klare lacks the explosiveness and straight-line speed to be a true mismatch player in the passing game. After putting up promising numbers at Purdue in 2024, Klare's production dipped last season after he transferred to Ohio State, and he struggled to make a significant impact in the Buckeyes' biggest games.

FINAL ANALYSIS Klare will need to get stronger and improve his technique as a blocker if he wants to be an every-down player who can line up everywhere at the next level. A failure to make those improvements would limit his upside in the NFL, but as is, he has the route-running ability and reliable hands to be a valuable tertiary target in multiple-TE sets.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2023	5	22	196	8.9	0	0	0	0
2024	12	51	685	13.4	4	0	0	0
2025	14	43	448	10.4	2	0	0	0
Career	32	116	1,329	11.5	6	0	0	0

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JACK ENDRIES

COLLEGE: TEXAS
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 236 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS This guy's middle name should be "of all trades." Endries has a versatile skill set that allows him to line up all over the formation, from the backfield as a fullback, to a standard in-line tight end spot, to a "move" role, and even isolated outside 1-on-1 as a receiver. He's a solid overall athlete with a strong blend of movement skills and physicality, along with reliable hands and spatial awareness that make him a valuable target in the passing game, and enough grit to mix it up in the box as a blocker. He's not afraid of contact at the catch point, hauling in difficult receptions and absorbing hits without losing control of the ball. Endries knows how to find soft spots in zone coverage, and he can quickly diagnose the proper blocking assignments on the fly, showing a high football IQ.

WEAKNESSES As a receiver, Endries still needs some development as a route-runner, as he's much more comfortable with short, simple routes or just running upfield than he is making sharp, complex cuts to create separation. He's athletic enough to handle a wide range of duties and alignments, but Endries doesn't have the top-end speed or short-area burst to be a true mismatch weapon in the passing game. After putting up solid numbers at Cal in 2024, Endries' production dipped considerably this past season for the Longhorns.

FINAL ANALYSIS With more and more coordinators in the NFL valuing versatility and deploying multiple-TE sets these days, a player like Endries will have plenty of fans in front offices around the league. Even if he never becomes a high-volume or big-play target in the passing game, he's got a well-rounded skill set that should allow him to carve out a long career.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TD	R-ATT	R-YDS	TD
2023	13	35	407	11.6	2	0	0	0
2024	13	56	623	11.1	2	0	0	0
2025	13	33	346	10.5	3	0	0	0
Career	39	124	1,376	11.1	7	0	0	0

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DAE'QUAN WRIGHT

COLLEGE: OLE MISS
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 255 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Wright's blocking skills are immediately noticeable when you turn on his tape, as he puts his solid frame and overall strength to good use in the ground game. He shows impressive power and leg drive to sustain blocks and help reset the line of scrimmage, and he's an added bonus for the quarterback when kept in as extra protection in the passing game. He's underrated as a pass-catching weapon, showing strong athleticism and movement skills for a bigger tight end, with the ability to stretch the field vertically and make big plays (Wright averaged over 16 yards per reception in 2025) after the catch with short-area burst and physicality to break tackles. That well-rounded skill set gives him alignment versatility, with the ability to play in-line or split out.

WEAKNESSES Consistency is the key to unlocking Wright's potential. He shows flashes of dominance as a blocker but still needs to keep working to refine his technique and ensure his best reps become his normal reps. Wright has the ability to run smooth routes and create separation against linebackers and safeties, but sharpening his cuts and learning how to maximize mistakes and get better leverage on every play should be a focus.

FINAL ANALYSIS He needs some refinement from a technical standpoint, but all the tools are there for Wright to make an every-down impact at the next level. He's one of the more complete prospects at the position in this year's class, and he has the size, athleticism, strength and versatility to stay on the field in just about every situation, regardless of formation. His pass-catching upside and blocking chops give him tons of potential.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	7	19	208	11.0	0	0	0	0
2023	12	28	366	13.1	0	0	0	0
2024	13	27	394	14.6	4	0	0	0
2025	15	39	635	16.3	5	1	2	0
Career	47	113	1,603	14.2	9	1	2	0

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JUSTIN JOLY

COLLEGE: NC STATE
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 263 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A box-out artist with magnets for hands, Joly is open even when he's covered, with the ability to play through contact and reel in contested catches with ease. He knows how to use his thick, wide frame to keep defenders shielded from the ball, and he knows how to time his extension to the ball in a way that limits the opportunity for pass breakups. A clutch performer, Joly knows how to play his best in the most critical moments, moving the chains on fourth downs and coming up with big plays in the red zone when points are needed most. He tracks the ball well downfield, and he can create yards after the catch with impressive vision and instincts. Joly is versatile and athletic enough to line up all over the place, and he can run a wide-ranging route tree effectively. He uses his stout frame effectively as a willing and able blocker, both in the run game and when staying in as extra protection for the quarterback.

WEAKNESSES Joly lacks the top-end speed to be a true vertical threat at the NFL level. Many of his contested-catch situations are created by his inability to create separation with speed or short-area burst out of his route breaks, and passing windows will only get smaller against pro defenses. He has the physical tools to be effective as a blocker, but his technique still needs a ton of refinement if he doesn't want to get overwhelmed by bigger, stronger and more athletic opponents at the next level.

FINAL ANALYSIS There are some athletic limitations and technical improvements needed with Joly, but his value as a reliable pass catcher with strong hands is enough on its own to generate NFL success. Add in his versatility from an alignment standpoint, and a proven track record of making big catches in clutch moments, and it won't be surprising if he becomes a valuable ancillary target who makes key plays on a weekly basis.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TD	R-ATT	R-YDS	TD
2022	12	18	250	13.9	2	1	12	0
2023	12	56	578	10.3	2	0	0	0
2024	13	43	661	15.4	4	0	0	0
2025	12	49	489	10.0	7	0	0	0
Career	49	166	1,978	11.9	15	1	12	0

10 ELI RARIDON

COLLEGE: NOTRE DAME
HEIGHT: 6-7 | WEIGHT: 252 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS With a huge frame and strong spatial awareness, Raridon is a valuable receiving threat who can box out smaller defenders and settle into voids in zone coverage to give his quarterback an easy target on short and intermediate throws. He can work up the seams and stress safeties with his size and length and win contested catches, stretching the field despite a lack of elite speed and athleticism. He uses his size to his advantage in the run game, walling off defenders and using strong hands to stay engaged and drive his man away from the ball carrier. He's got more savvy as a route-runner than you'd expect from such a massive target, and his hands are fairly consistent when the ball comes his way.

WEAKNESSES Raridon lacks the straight-line speed and short-area burst to be a big-play threat in the passing game, and he doesn't offer a ton of value after the catch. He's got a high-cut frame that makes it difficult for him to anchor as a run blocker in the trenches, especially if he's unable to consistently keep his pads low. He tore the ACL in his right knee twice in 2022, so there will be concerns about his long-term durability at the next level.

FINAL ANALYSIS There's room for Raridon to grow as a blocker and improve his chances of being an every-down contributor in multiple-TE sets in the NFL, and he's got passing-game value as a chain-mover who can use his frame to his advantage. His lack of explosiveness puts a cap on his ceiling as a receiver, but getting stronger and improving his leverage as a blocker would make him a solid depth piece.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	5	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2023	7	5	51	10.2	1	0	0	0
2024	16	11	90	8.2	2	0	0	0
2025	12	32	482	15.1	0	0	0	0
Career	40	48	623	13.0	3	0	0	0

11 TANNER KOZIOL

COLLEGE: HOUSTON
HEIGHT: 6-7 | WEIGHT: 250 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A dangerous red-zone weapon in the passing game, Koziol knows how to use his massive frame and long arms to box out defenders and reel in contested catches to put points on the board. He presents a matchup challenge to smaller defensive backs who can't handle his size and length, and linebackers rarely have the coverage chops to deny him the ball when it comes his way. He's a tough target who isn't afraid to make difficult catches in traffic, showing strong hands at the catch point to reel in throws away from his body and hang on despite getting hit. He can line up in-line and contribute as a blocker, or split out in the slot or even out on the boundary to stress defensive schemes and force advantageous matchups.

WEAKNESSES As a pass catcher, Koziol is more of a traditional power forward than a stretch four, lacking the high-end speed, explosiveness and athleticism to be a big-play threat down the field. The NFL's better back-seven defenders who bring both size and athletic ability to the table will be able to expose Koziol's inability to create vertical distance or lateral separation. He's limited in his ability to create extra yards after the catch (averaging just 9.4 yards per reception for his career), and his tall, lean frame makes it difficult for him to get proper leverage and anchor as a run blocker.

FINAL ANALYSIS The lack of speed and athleticism limits his upside as a receiving weapon, but Koziol's size, hands, and toughness should still make him a valuable addition to any passing game, particularly on third downs and in the red zone. Some added bulk and strength would help him improve as a blocker, but there's a solid foundation here for a long career as a depth player who can contribute in key situations.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2022	12	35	373	10.7	7	0	0	0
2023	12	34	295	8.7	3	0	0	0
2024	12	94	839	8.9	8	1	6	0
2025	13	74	727	9.8	6	0	0	0
Career	49	237	2,234	9.4	24	1	6	0

12 DALLEN BENTLEY

COLLEGE: UTAH
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 259 | AGE: 25

STRENGTHS A throwback prospect who wins as a blocker first, Bentley puts his powerful frame to good use in the ground game, providing a similar impact to having an extra offensive lineman on the field. He plays with grit and polished technique at the point of attack, finishing his blocks with the utmost effort and keeping his hands locked on throughout the entire rep while keeping his feet wide and balanced. He flashed upside as a pass-catching weapon last season, showing the ability to work the short and intermediate areas of the field while winning after the catch, and a surprising knack for working up the seams and creating big plays downfield for a bigger tight end.

WEAKNESSES Prior to last year's breakout campaign as a receiver, Bentley had just three receptions for 30 yards in his entire college career, which could lead to concerns about him being a "one-year wonder" in terms of passing-game production. He's smart and physical as a blocker, but can sometimes be challenged by extremely athletic linebackers who can beat him to his landmarks and force him to reach at bad angles to keep them away from the ball carrier.

FINAL ANALYSIS One of the most intriguing players in this position group, Bentley has a high floor for NFL success based on his blocking prowess, and he could take his game to another level if he can prove last year's pass-catching production wasn't a fluke. But even if he never becomes a big-number receiving weapon, he's well-rounded enough to see the field plenty in a league that continues to prioritize multiple-TE sets.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	REC	YDS	YPC	TDS	R-ATT	R-YDS	TDS
2023	7	1	5	5.0	0	0	0	0
2024	12	2	15	7.5	0	0	0	0
2025	13	48	620	12.9	6	0	0	0
Career	32	51	640	12.6	6	0	0	0

Spencer Fano

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1 SPENCER FANO

COLLEGE: UTAH
HEIGHT: 6-6 | WEIGHT: 308 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A highly experienced blocker with double-digit starts under his belt at both tackle spots, Fano has put a ton of quality reps on film against top competition. He's an impressive overall athlete for his size and shows ideal instincts and spatial awareness, getting to his landmarks efficiently and staying one step ahead of opposing defenders. He can be a punishing run blocker when he stays balanced and plays behind his pads, and he's nimble enough to climb to the second level and erase back-seven defenders, doing the same when asked to lead or pull on counters and screens. Fano plays with a ton of effort, often pressing through the end of his reps and finishing strong through the whistle.

WEAKNESSES Fano has a towering frame, but he's a fairly high-cut player who can struggle to maintain proper pad level and leverage. His lean build can allow stronger defenders with a heftier base to get underneath and drive him off the ball, exposing a need for added bulk and power. Fano's inconsistent functional strength is exacerbated at times by inconsistent hand usage and upper-body technique, which can prevent him from effectively latching on and staying engaged with his defender through the entire rep.

FINAL ANALYSIS There are some things to clean up here, but Fano brings a combination of physical and mental tools to the table that gives him a ton of upside at the next level. If he can improve his strength by adding some quality bulk to his lean frame and polish his technique, Fano has the potential to be a Pro Bowler at either left or right tackle.

GRADE 1st Round

2 FRANCIS MAUIGOA

COLLEGE: MIAMI (FLA.)
HEIGHT: 6-6 | WEIGHT: 335
AGE: 20

STRENGTHS A stout, reliable presence at right tackle, Mauigoa routinely makes edge defenders disappear when they line up across from him. His physicality is unmistakable on every snap, as he attacks each rep with a nastiness that can wear opponents down over four quarters. He's got impressive athleticism for his size, matching speed rushers step-for-step off the edge and climbing to the second level with ease. He shows consistent pad level and balance for a taller lineman, constantly driving his feet to reset the line of scrimmage in the ground game. Mauigoa is a smart blocker who handles advanced pass-rushing moves well, aggressively recovering if beaten by an initial attack. He's a tone-setter who can put his man into the dirt.

WEAKNESSES Mauigoa has made some technical strides throughout his college career, but there's still room for growth in every area of his technique. He fires off the ball quickly, but that can backfire when he oversets vs. edge rushers, opening himself up to inside counter moves. His hand strikes are incredibly effective when they land, but he's still learning how to consistently hit his target and control them through the entire play.

FINAL ANALYSIS The physical tools are there with Mauigoa, and he plays with a ton of effort and a physical mentality. He's still nowhere near his ceiling at just 20 years old, but he's already got a ton of starting experience under his belt. He's a plug-and-play starter at right tackle in the NFL, with the potential to grow into a dominant player for the next decade-plus at that spot.

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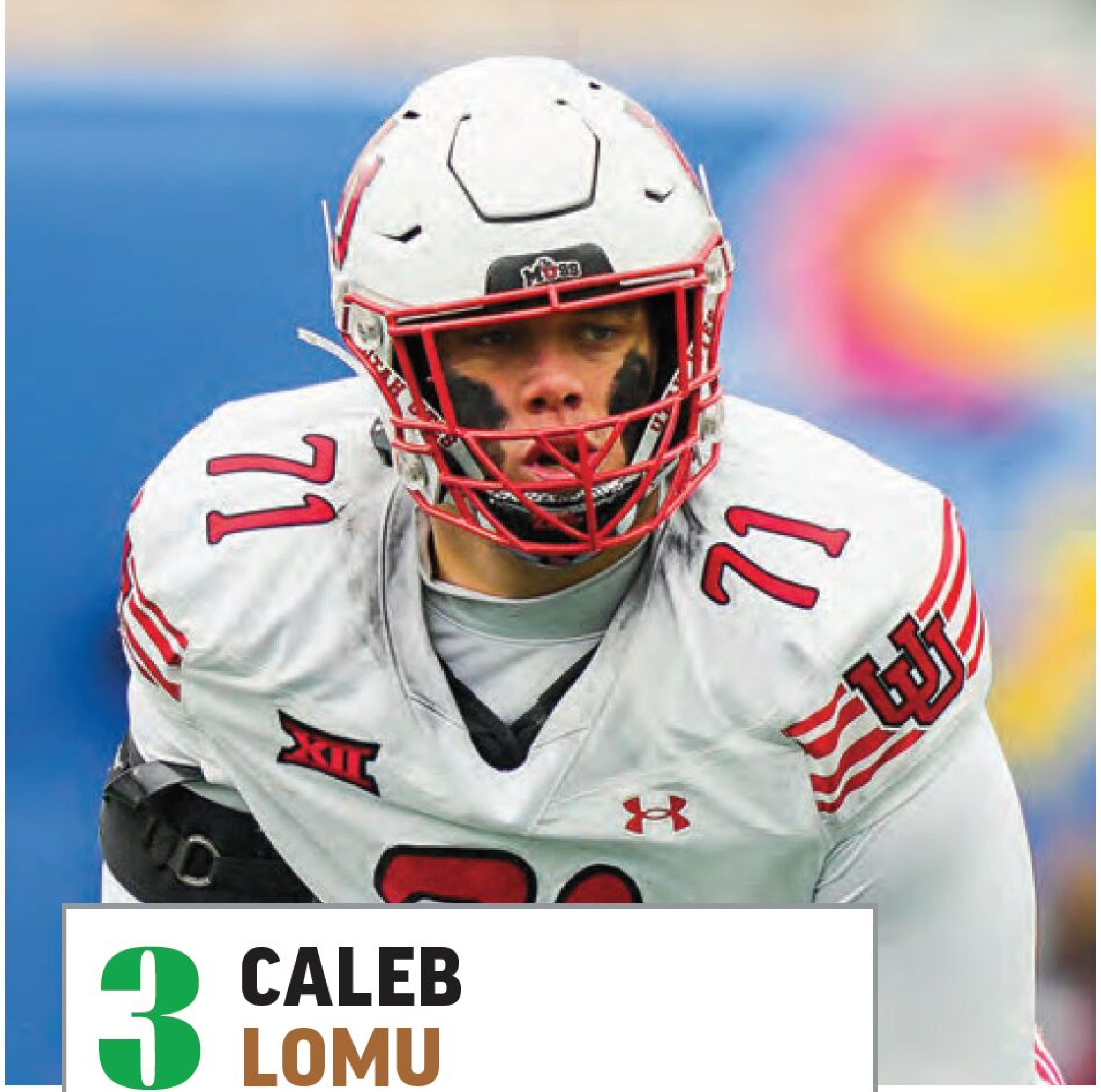

3 CALEB LOMU

COLLEGE: UTAH
HEIGHT: 6-6 | WEIGHT: 308 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS An athletic pass protector, Lomu has the movement skills to handle speed rushers off the edge and the length/punch to keep power rushers from getting into his frame. His athleticism and intelligence show through when faced with stunts and twists, as he seamlessly passes off and picks up rushers without getting caught off-balance or a step behind. On the rare occasion he does get beat by an initial pass-rushing move, Lomu has shown the ability to recover quickly, using his physical tools and effort to finish the rep strong and avoid the worst-case scenario. In the run game, Lomu is nimble when climbing to the second level and pulling on counters and screens, and he shows the ability to correctly pick out his targets and neutralize them while on the move.

WEAKNESSES Lomu lacks the mass and power to be a consistent driver in the run game, as his tall and lean frame presents challenges against stout run defenders from a strength and leverage standpoint. He'll likely need to add some bulk if he wants to develop into a more complete player at the next level and hold his own against stronger opponents at the point of attack. He shows flashes of polished technique at times, but he still needs to find consistency there, as lapses in footwork and hand placement will get exposed by pro defenders.

FINAL ANALYSIS He'll need to improve his technique and bulk up a bit, but Lomu brings physical traits and athletic ability you just can't teach, and those raw aspects of his game give him unlimited potential. Zone-heavy schemes that prioritize athleticism and movement skills in the trenches will maximize his value out of the gate, but he'll still need those technical improvements to be a successful starter.

GRADE 1st Round

4 KADYN PROCTOR

COLLEGE: ALABAMA
HEIGHT: 6-7 | WEIGHT: 366 | AGE: 20

STRENGTHS If you wanted to build an offensive tackle in a lab, you'd probably get something like Proctor. Absolutely massive and possessing rare athletic ability, Proctor has ridiculous movement skills for such a gigantic blocker. His gargantuan frame envelops opposing defenders at the point of attack, and he can overwhelm them with his power when he gets locked onto a target and keeps his feet under him. His punch can be devastating when it lands accurately, and he's a terrifying sight for smaller defenders when he gets out on the move in space. He shows flashes of quick, smooth footwork and the ability to quickly recover and finish a rep strong if he's beaten with an initial move. Proctor plays with a mean streak, finishing his blocks with punishing intensity.

WEAKNESSES As impressive as Proctor is from a physical standpoint, his technique is all over the place. While some reps show his full potential with everything firing on all cylinders, others show inconsistent hand usage, lapses in footwork and balance issues. His height presents a constant challenge when it comes to pad level, as Proctor can struggle to stay low and win leverage against defenders who come off the snap with a lower center of gravity. Maintaining his motor late in games should also be a point of emphasis in his development at the next level.

FINAL ANALYSIS If forced to start early in his career, Proctor is likely to take his lumps as more polished, experienced NFL defenders expose technical flaws that his raw talent can't overcome as easily as it did in college. But with time, and the right coaching staff, Proctor's rare physical traits could be developed into a dominant blocker with the potential to be among the league's best.

GRADE 1st Round

5 MONROE FREELING

COLLEGE: GEORGIA
HEIGHT: 6-7 | WEIGHT: 315 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A smooth and explosive athlete for the position, Freeling shows effortless lateral movement at times, as he glides into his pass sets and always feels one step ahead of rushers coming off the edge. His tall frame and massive wingspan present constant challenges for defenders who are forced to take the scenic route to the quarterback, and he shows a strong understanding of how to attack various moves and counters to avoid giving up clean shots at the passer. He can climb to the second level effectively, engaging back-seven defenders with his size and length and erasing them from the play. He's a nasty finisher who plays hard through the whistle, and he shows the football IQ to read stunts and twists effectively.

WEAKNESSES Freeling still needs some technical polish, specifically his ability to consistently match his hand usage and his footwork. He can get out in front of his skis too often, lunging to make blocks instead of keeping his balance and maintaining a solid base. Freeling's somewhat lean frame gives up some punch in the run game, and he can struggle to keep his pads low, losing the leverage battle against defenders with a more solid base. Adding some quality bulk would help improve his strength in the run game, as well as his ability to absorb bull rushes.

FINAL ANALYSIS A fast-rising prospect after an impressive 2025 campaign, Freeling possesses size and athleticism that give him a ton of upside, and some technical tweaks could quickly turn him into a quality starter at the next level. For teams with offensive schemes that prioritize the movement skills he brings to the table, Freeling could become a Pro Bowler after he adds some strength and polish.

GRADE 2nd Round

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6 BLAKE MILLER

COLLEGE: CLEMSON
HEIGHT: 6-6 | WEIGHT: 315 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A four-year starter at right tackle, Miller has all the polish you'd expect from a prospect with that much starting experience against top competition. He uses his hands well at the point of attack and shows a high-level understanding of angles and leverage to maintain balance and control against both speed and power rushers off the edge. Miller can deliver violent punches that force opposing rushers to re-evaluate their rush plan, and he's got smooth feet that mirror well in pass protection. There are glimpses of feisty finishing ability in the run game throughout his film, and his experience shines through in his ability to process stunts and twists and adjust his approach on the fly.

WEAKNESSES Miller's flashes of power are intermittent, as he needs to find more consistency with landing his hand strikes and dropping anchor against power rushers. He shows some discomfort when working in space, struggling to line up and neutralize his targets effectively on the move. He has a hard time keeping his pads low to maintain proper leverage when working up to the second level, and savvy linebackers can expose his difficulties when taking proper angles to stay between them and the ball carrier.

FINAL ANALYSIS There's some inconsistency here that could turn some teams off, but Miller's durability after making 54 straight starts should give NFL decision-makers confidence that he can work to address his deficiencies. Any offense that values the movement skills, intelligence and experience Miller brings to the table should find themselves an instant starter on the right side.

GRADE 2nd Round

7 GENNINGS DUNKER

COLLEGE: IOWA
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 315 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Stop me if you've heard this one before: an Iowa offensive lineman with power and tenacity who can set a punishing tone for his entire unit. Dunker is the latest in a long line of such players to come out of this program, and there's a reason NFL teams keep coming here to get quality starters. Dunker packs a ton of power at the point of attack, with the pure strength and polished technique to completely erase opposing defenders in the run game. He has quick, choppy feet that anchor a strong base, and his nonstop motor is a constant headache for whoever lines up across from him, especially late in games. Dunker shows a high-level understanding of defensive fronts and tendencies, staying a step ahead of stunts and twists.

WEAKNESSES More explosive edge rushers can expose Dunker's lack of elite quickness and athleticism off the snap, forcing him into recovery mode in pass protection. His lack of ideal length could lead to questions about his ability to stay at tackle at the next level, and he tends to end up on the ground too often. His hip fluidity and lateral quickness can be put to the test by more athletic defenders when he's not able to lock on and stay engaged quickly as a run blocker.

FINAL ANALYSIS There are more athletic blockers in this class, but Dunker's combination of power, effort and intelligence gives him a high floor at the next level. Some teams are likely to view him as a guard prospect given his physical and athletic limitations, but in the right situation, Dunker could stick at right tackle and have a long, successful career in a power scheme.

GRADE: 2nd Round

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ARIZONA STATE

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8 MAX IHEANACHOR

COLLEGE: ARIZONA STATE
HEIGHT: 6-6 | WEIGHT: 330 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS You won't find too many offensive tackle prospects with this combination of size and quickness, thanks to his background playing soccer and basketball before finding the gridiron in junior college. Iheanachor has fast feet off the ball, shuffling quickly to stay mirrored to his defender and keep the quarterback/ball carrier clean. He's patient as a pass protector, using his quickness to react to incoming moves and trusting his massive frame to ensure a long trip around the arc for edge rushers. He's experienced and agile on the move, effectively working his way downfield on screens and counters, enveloping smaller defenders with his size in the open field.

WEAKNESSES He's still a work in progress from a technical standpoint, which is to be expected from a player who never played a snap of football in high school. Iheanachor can struggle with consistency in a wide range of techniques, from sloppy hand usage and mistimed punches, to the inability to stay latched onto his defender late in the rep, to lunging forward in the run game and whiffing on quicker, more experienced defenders who can catch him off-balance. He shows some nastiness at times, but finishing every play with the same level of effort and physicality should be a priority.

FINAL ANALYSIS There's obviously a ton of potential here with Iheanachor's raw physical ability, and his multi-sport background has given him tools most guys his size simply don't have. He still needs a ton of refinement before he's ready to make a consistent impact at the next level, but the sky is the limit for a massive, athletic blocker who just needs some fine-tuning.

GRADE 2nd Round

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CALEB TIERNAN

COLLEGE: NORTHWESTERN
HEIGHT: 6-7 | WEIGHT: 325 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Tough and technically sound, Tiernan is a polished pass protector with smooth feet, quickly shuffling into his pass sets and walling off edge rushers with his length. He understands proper angles and how to attack leverage, and when combined with his elite processing ability, it allows him to stay one step ahead of the defender throughout the rep. He has the upper-body strength to absorb power rushers without losing ground, and his wingspan helps keep them away from his chest. Tiernan is patient in his pass-blocking approach, keeping his balance and waiting for the right moment to strike. He's a nasty finisher in the run game, playing with a high level of effort and physicality through the whistle.

WEAKNESSES He's a bit top-heavy, which can be expected from a tackle with a taller frame, but it impacts his ability to get consistent drive in the run game, especially when he fires out of his stance with a high pad level. He shows flashes of dominance as a run blocker, but highlight-reel reps are few and far between, proving the need for more consistency. His top half can get ahead of his feet when climbing to the second level to engage linebackers, and more athletic defenders can beat him to the punch when he gets off-balance.

FINAL ANALYSIS Highly experienced with 43 collegiate starts to his credit (most of them at left tackle), Tiernan is a battle-tested blocker who brings impressive size, length and power to the table. His athletic limitations could force a move inside at the next level, but teams should give him a shot to stick at tackle, where he's proven he can handle top competition.

GRADE 3rd Round

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ISAIAH WORLD

COLLEGE: OREGON
HEIGHT: 6-8 | WEIGHT: 318 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Explosive and powerful, World has rare athleticism for his size, firing back into his pass sets and bursting off the ball in the run game. His suddenness catches opposing defenders off-guard, giving him an immediate advantage as he resets the line of scrimmage on the ground or forces edge rushers to bring more than just outside speed to the party. When he lands his punches, World can immediately force opponents to look for a Plan B, and his length can make it difficult for them to disengage and chase down the ball. His impressive speed and movement skills make him a scary sight when he's on the move, leading perimeter defenders to make business decisions when he comes their way.

WEAKNESSES World's technique is all over the place, from inconsistent footwork that leads to losing balance and failing to recover against well-timed counter moves, to a tendency to rely on initial hand strikes that too often miss the mark. His tall frame makes it a constant challenge for World to play with effective pad level throughout the entire play, especially when trying to sustain blocks in the run game. Experienced edge rushers with polished technique can consistently take advantage of his deficiencies, which can lead to big plays in the backfield for the defense.

FINAL ANALYSIS There's no denying the impressive combination of size and athleticism that World brings to the table, and he's got some power to his game that flashes at times, but he lacks the technique and consistency necessary to make an immediate impact at the next level. He's got first-round talent and tons of upside, but there's some boom-or-bust potential that makes him a risky pick in the early rounds.

GRADE 3rd Round

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AUSTIN BARBER

COLLEGE: FLORIDA
HEIGHT: 6-6 | WEIGHT: 314 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Barber plays with incredible quickness and agility for such a huge prospect, showing impressive short-area burst and lateral movement skills. He can match speed rushers off the edge with a strong first step off the snap, and he uses his length to keep defenders away from his body where he can control their approach and ride them away from the ball. Even when he gets beat by a defender's initial move, Barber has the recovery skills to get back in position to prevent tackles for a loss, and he keeps his hands violent and active throughout the entire rep. He's athletic enough to climb to the second level effectively, and he brings starting experience at both tackle positions.

WEAKNESSES Pure strength is an area where Barber struggles more often than not, as powerful defenders can drive him off the ball and stress his ability to keep his pads low and provide a solid anchor. His balance and leverage are spotty at times, with too many reps where he overextends his upper half and ends up on the ground against polished opponents who bait-and-switch him with a well-executed plan. In the running game, Barber needs to do a better job of staying behind his pads and keeping his lower body churning to sustain blocks instead of just relying on his grip and length.

FINAL ANALYSIS A lack of power will prevent Barber from being an ideal fit for certain offenses, but plenty of teams will value the quickness and movement skills he brings to the table. If he can improve his balance and stay upright more often, Barber has starter potential in a zone-heavy scheme, with the versatility to play tackle on either side.

GRADE 4th Round

12 JUDE BOWRY

COLLEGE: BOSTON COLLEGE
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 311 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Flashes of brilliance are visible all over Bowry's tape, thanks to an impressive blend of explosiveness and strength. He fires off the snap with authority, using a long-striding kick slide to widen the pocket and keep plenty of distance between the edge defender and his quarterback. There are plenty of reps where Bowry anchors effectively against bull rushes without giving any ground, and he shows strong hands to lock onto his target and control their movements throughout the rest of the play. His quickness off the ball and overall power show up in the run game, where he washes inside defenders away from the play and shows solid leg drive when working north and south. Bowry is a smart blocker who isn't often caught off-guard by stunts and twists.

WEAKNESSES Consistency is the key, particularly when it comes to his technique. His punches are powerful, but he can be too erratic with where they land, and his misses leave him in recovery mode too often. He can get too high in his stance, and when power rushers time their punches right, they can rock him back off his feet and get depth. Bowry is still learning how to line up his targets when on the move, struggling at times to take proper angles to eliminate second-level and perimeter defenders.

FINAL ANALYSIS If he can clean up his mechanics, the highs you see on tape prove he can be an effective starter. It'll take some time and patience, but Bowry has intriguing physical traits.

GRADE 4th Round

13 KAGE CASEY

COLLEGE: BOISE STATE
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 311 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A high-intensity blocker with a nonstop motor, Casey sets a physical tone. His timing and intelligence are evident in pass protection, with well-executed punches, along with the patience and control to not overextend and chase initial moves from edge defenders. He's a strong finisher in the run game, and he knows how to maximize leverage and take effective angles to erase second-level defenders. Lateral quickness is never a problem for Casey on film, as he is consistently able to match speed rushers off the edge and change direction with smooth footwork to keep a solid base as a run blocker.

WEAKNESSES Power rushers can give Casey trouble off the edge, as he lacks the overall strength to provide a consistently reliable anchor, and his average length doesn't override that by keeping defenders from getting into his chest. He's inconsistent when it comes to latching onto defenders at the point of attack, leaving too many reps where defenders were easily able to stack and shed on their way to the ball carrier.

FINAL ANALYSIS Casey brings valuable mental traits to the table, and his lateral movement skills could make him an ideal fit in a zone scheme that relies more on angles and leverage than brute strength. He'll have a tough time with more powerful defenders at the next level, but at worst, Casey could be a valuable swing tackle with spot-starter potential in the right offense.

GRADE 5th Round

14 DREW SHELTON

COLLEGE: PENN STATE
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 308 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Smooth and quick, Shelton is a polished pass protector who glides effortlessly into his pass sets, rarely allowing speed rushers to beat him around the arc. He shows quick feet and an impressive blend of balance and flexibility that allows him to stay in control of his mechanics, striking from a place of patience and preparation instead of scrambling to react. He's shown the intelligence and athleticism to play multiple spots, bringing valuable versatility. A respected leader, Shelton brings intangible qualities that coaches and teammates will love.

WEAKNESSES Shelton's lack of bulk and brute strength can be a problem against more powerful defenders who can counter his quickness by converting speed to power and executing well-timed bull rushes. That also shows up in the run game, where Shelton can struggle to displace stronger opponents who play with more consistent leverage and can take advantage of his lean frame and upright approach. Improving the timing and consistency of his hand strikes would also mitigate his lack of functional strength.

FINAL ANALYSIS If Shelton wants to be a long-term starter in the NFL, he'll likely have to land with a zone-heavy offense that plays to his athletic strengths and covers for his lack of power. His athleticism and positional versatility give him depth value as someone who can fill in at multiple spots, and his leadership qualities will make him a strong addition to any locker room.

GRADE 5th Round

15 J.C. DAVIS

COLLEGE: ILLINOIS
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 335 | AGE: 22

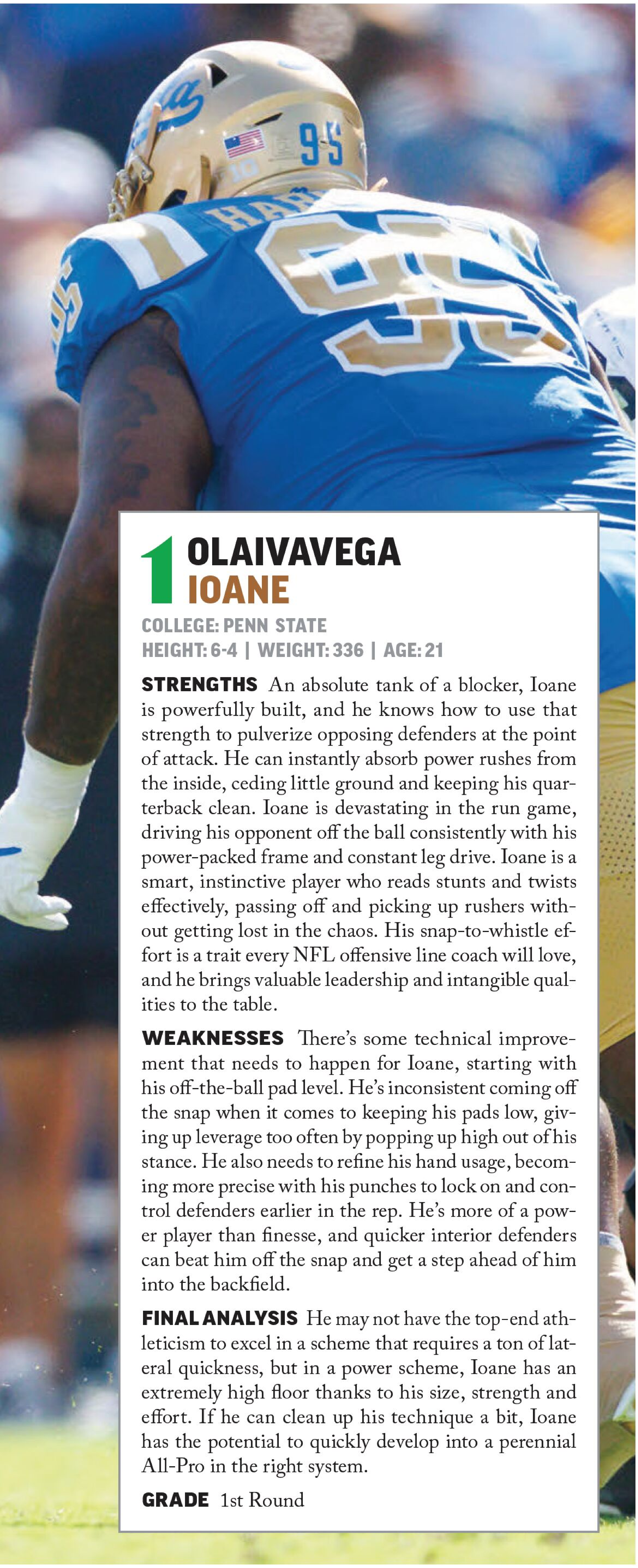
STRENGTHS Davis has an intriguing blend of strength and polished technique that makes him a stellar pass protector. He matches clean footwork with effective hand strikes, and he shows the grip strength to stay latched onto edge defenders He has impressive quickness and lateral ability for a blocker with his mass, and the power he brings is no surprise at all. He anchors well against power rushers and consistently resets the line of scrimmage in the ground game with a stout lower body and fast feet that keep churning through the whistle. Davis is a durable presence up front who can play either tackle spot, and his experience as a four-year starter shows through in his high football IQ.

WEAKNESSES High-end speed rushers can challenge Davis with elite first-step explosiveness that overrides his technical prowess, and his consistency as a run blocker will depend on improving his ability to stay balanced instead of lunging and reaching. He can be dominant in the ground game when he wins right away, but he needs to maintain elite effort through the end of the play and finish with intensity.

FINAL ANALYSIS While his frame might suggest a move inside, Davis' pass-protecting skills deserve an opportunity to stick at tackle. His best chance would be in a power-heavy scheme that utilizes his strength, but whether it's at tackle or guard, Davis has starter upside with the right coaching staff.

GRADE 6th Round

Olaivavega Ioane



1 OLAIVAVEGA IOANE

COLLEGE: PENN STATE
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 336 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS An absolute tank of a blocker, Ioane is powerfully built, and he knows how to use that strength to pulverize opposing defenders at the point of attack. He can instantly absorb power rushes from the inside, ceding little ground and keeping his quarterback clean. Ioane is devastating in the run game, driving his opponent off the ball consistently with his power-packed frame and constant leg drive. Ioane is a smart, instinctive player who reads stunts and twists effectively, passing off and picking up rushers without getting lost in the chaos. His snap-to-whistle effort is a trait every NFL offensive line coach will love, and he brings valuable leadership and intangible qualities to the table.

WEAKNESSES There's some technical improvement that needs to happen for Ioane, starting with his off-the-ball pad level. He's inconsistent coming off the snap when it comes to keeping his pads low, giving up leverage too often by popping up high out of his stance. He also needs to refine his hand usage, becoming more precise with his punches to lock on and control defenders earlier in the rep. He's more of a power player than finesse, and quicker interior defenders can beat him off the snap and get a step ahead of him into the backfield.

FINAL ANALYSIS He may not have the top-end athleticism to excel in a scheme that requires a ton of lateral quickness, but in a power scheme, Ioane has an extremely high floor thanks to his size, strength and effort. If he can clean up his technique a bit, Ioane has the potential to quickly develop into a perennial All-Pro in the right system.

GRADE 1st Round

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INTERIOR O-LINE

2 EMMANUEL PREGNON

COLLEGE: OREGON
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 318
AGE: 24

STRENGTHS Lining up across from Pregnon must feel like getting in the ring with a heavyweight champ. His overall strength is impressive, but his violent hands and jarring punches immediately jump off the tape, shocking defenders off the snap and giving him an instant advantage to control every rep. Pregnon is a powerful force in every direction, resetting the line of scrimmage in the ground game with impressive leg drive and upper-body strength, and anchoring effectively against power rushers in pass protection. He's nimble for his size, comfortably climbing to the second level and capable of leading the way as a puller in space. Pregnon finishes every rep with a level of tenacity that wears opposing defenders down over four quarters.

WEAKNESSES When it comes to his movement skills, Pregnon looks more comfortable moving north/south than making sudden lateral adjustments to keep up with stunts and twists. Explosive interior rushers can beat him vertically if he doesn't land his initial punch and lock on right away, and he has a tough time keeping his feet under him as he tries to recover from those initial misses off the snap. In the run game, Pregnon needs to play with better balance to consistently sustain blocks instead of reaching to make and maintain contact.

FINAL ANALYSIS After spending three years at Wyoming and two years at USC, Pregnon had an impressive 2025 campaign with the Ducks. That experience should serve him well at the next level, as will the power and effort he plays with on every down. He's a pure guard prospect who still needs some technical tweaks, but Pregnon has the solid foundation to be a long-term starter in the NFL.

GRADE 2nd Round

3 CHASE BISONTIS

COLLEGE: TEXAS A&M
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 315 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS Physical and tenacious, Bisontis brings the ideal amount of grit to the offensive trenches, and he plays with a punishing style that sets a clear tone for his entire unit. He's dominant in the run game, using his big frame and impressive play strength to reset the line of scrimmage and plow the road for his teammates. He brings that same mentality as a pass protector, doing his best work when he's able to effectively execute his power moves (he can chop his defender down to the ground with the best of them in this class). Bisontis is fairly nimble for his size and is perfectly comfortable climbing to the second level and beyond to clear out linebackers and safeties to spring ball carriers for big gains. His motor always runs hot, and he takes his physical style of play all the way through the echo of the whistle. He brings valuable versatility, with starting experience at both guard and tackle.

WEAKNESSES He's a decent athlete when moving north/south, but Bisontis can get crossed up and off-balance when forced to move laterally at a moment's notice. This can leave him a step behind when trying to pick up stunts and twists, and opposing defenders can beat him with quick first steps and effective angles that force him to play catch-up when he can't get his hands on them right away. He has some dominant reps as a pass protector, but he still lacks consistency in that area of his game and needs to work to make his peaks a baseline instead of a pleasant surprise. His overall technique needs some refinement, from improving his hands to keeping his pads low to keep his balance off the ball and throughout the entire play.

FINAL ANALYSIS Bisontis has NFL size and overall athleticism, and his combination of versatility and grit will always be welcome at the pro level in the trenches. At worst, his ability to provide valuable depth at multiple positions should keep him in the league for a long time, and some improvements to his technique and consistency would allow him to quickly develop into a quality starter, most likely along the interior.

GRADE 2nd Round

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4 CONNOR LEW

COLLEGE: AUBURN
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 303 | AGE: 20

STRENGTHS Despite being one of the younger prospects in this class, Lew brings a ton of starting experience against top competition to the table. Since taking over as the starter as a true freshman, Lew has developed the ability to captain his unit at a high level, making effective pre-snap checks and setting the entire offense up for success with his processing skills. He's quick out of his stance and precise with his hand strikes, showing smooth feet and consistent balance as he mirrors interior rushers in pass protection. He's adept at executing combo blocks and working to the second level to take on linebackers, and he finishes strong when he has a leverage advantage late in the rep.

WEAKNESSES Lew has merely average size for the position, and his frame lacks the pure strength and power to effectively anchor against power rushers and control the line of scrimmage against quality nose tackles who can drive him off the ball. He's got adequate athleticism for the position, but his movement skills aren't elite to the point where they make up for his lack of ideal size and strength.

FINAL ANALYSIS While his physical limitations may put a cap on his ceiling, Lew still brings some upside to the table as a 20-year-old prospect who already has nearly three years of starting experience in the SEC. Improving his overall strength and power profile is a must if he wants to hold his own against the NFL's strongest interior defenders.

GRADE 3rd Round

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5 JAKE SLAUGHTER

COLLEGE: FLORIDA
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 303 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A polished technician in pass protection, Slaughter holds his own against interior rushers with impressive hand usage and arm extension, keeping them away from his chest. He shows impressive processing skills, identifying pass-rush games on the fly and getting himself and his teammates in position to neutralize what opposing defenses are throwing at them. Slaughter plays with consistent leverage and balance, not getting over his skis, and he's athletic enough to climb effectively to the second level and get out on the move in space. Tough and durable, Slaughter brings valuable intangible qualities to the trenches.

WEAKNESSES A lean frame presents challenges when it comes time to anchor against massive nose tackles in the ground game, where his lack of bulk is exposed and his pad level is consistently challenged. He's an inconsistent finisher, struggling at times to maintain drive and physicality through the whistle. Explosive interior defenders who fire off the ball quickly can force Slaughter to play catch-up, especially if they have a lower center of gravity.

FINAL ANALYSIS A team captain and two-time first-team All-SEC performer, Slaughter has intriguing physical tools to go along with his leadership and toughness. Adding some bulk to improve his strength would be ideal for his development, but he's got all the makings of a solid starter.

GRADE 3rd Round

6 KEYLAN RUTLEDGE

COLLEGE: GEORGIA TECH
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 330 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A punishing tone-setter, Rutledge has an NFL-ready frame and knows how to use it. His broad, rock-solid build provides an ideal base for his physical style, as Rutledge gets quick control of his assignments and routinely drives them into the dirt. He's a mauler in the run game who finishes every rep with elite effort, and he uses his size and strength to drop anchor and stonewall interior rushers in the pass game. Power rushers have trouble beating him with brute strength, and speed rushers struggle to match his size and physicality. He uses his width and length to his advantage in the ground game, keeping defenders away from his frame and controlling them from snap to whistle.

WEAKNESSES Rutledge is still a work in progress from a technical standpoint. His footwork is inconsistent, which can routinely leave him off-balance and reaching to make blocks instead of keeping his feet under his shoulders, and he has a tendency to let his pads rise off the snap, ceding vital leverage to defenders. He needs to be more consistent when it comes to understanding angles and not getting caught chasing loopers on stunts and twists.

FINAL ANALYSIS Just how good Rutledge becomes at the next level will come down to his ability to elevate his technical prowess to meet his physical tools and competitive fire. Thankfully, he possesses traits you just can't teach, and everything that needs fixing is entirely coachable. If he lands with the right staff, Rutledge could eventually develop into a dominant presence inside.

GRADE 4th Round

7 PARKER BRAILSFORD

COLLEGE: ALABAMA
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 290 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS An impressive overall athlete, Brailsford possesses quickness and movement skills that are obvious as soon as you turn on the tape. He fires out of his stance with purpose and confidence, and he isn't fazed by explosive interior defenders who are used to forcing slower centers into recovery mode. He climbs to the second level with ease, and he hustles out into space on screens and other plays that take advantage of his skill set out on the move. He shows solid awareness when making pre-snap adjustments and sifting through complex pass-rushing games, and he plays with a ton of toughness for an undersized blocker.

WEAKNESSES Speaking of undersized, Brailsford's lack of ideal height and bulk presents obvious challenges. In the run game, he can struggle to sustain blocks and drive bigger nose tackles back off the ball, while power rushers can put him on skates in pass protection. He can rely on his athleticism too often instead of displaying consistent technique and fundamentals, and more polished defenders know how to take advantage of those lapses.

FINAL ANALYSIS Brailsford's size limitations and lack of overall strength are concerns, but in schemes that prioritize the athleticism he brings to the table, he's still got starter potential. His toughness and experience against top competition will help his chances of carving out a starting job.

GRADE 4th Round

8 AR'MAJ REED-ADAMS

COLLEGE: TEXAS A&M
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 325 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS One of the most dominant run blockers in this group, Reed-Adams is an absolute mauler in the ground game, using his powerful frame to consistently reset the line of scrimmage and drive his man off the ball. He does a fantastic job of transferring power from his lower body all the way into his hand strikes, jarring defenders and getting them off-kilter from the jump. He plays with consistency between his feet and his shoulders, staying balanced throughout the entire rep without reaching or leaning, keeping control of his movements from snap to whistle. He plays a punishing brand of football and brings valuable versatility with starting experience at multiple positions.

WEAKNESSES More agile and explosive interior defenders can get the better of him with a quick first step, forcing him to play catch-up. Well-timed counter moves can get him to overcommit and leave him out of position in pass protection, and he lacks the high-end athleticism to recover consistently. He's a high-effort player, but his effectiveness takes a noticeable hit late in games after the snap count has piled up. He can find difficulty in lining up his targets at the second level and on the perimeter.

FINAL ANALYSIS He may not be a fit for certain schemes that prioritize athleticism, but power-heavy offenses that need a true road grader will love what Reed-Adams brings to the table. With some technical tweaks and improved conditioning, he could become a successful starter in the right spot.

GRADE 4th Round

9 BRIAN PARKER II

COLLEGE: DUKE
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 300 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Agility and awareness are the early takeaways from Parker's film, as he shows ideal quickness off the snap and impressive lateral movement, as well as the ability to stay a step ahead of stunts and twists that come cycling his way. He's got a solid anchor in pass protection, and he can generate a strong push in the run game when he controls his defender with firm footwork, consistent balance and ideal hand placement. He's quick to recover when beaten by initial moves, and he finishes every snap with a high level of effort and a healthy portion of nastiness. Parker is a versatile blocker who spent time at both tackle spots, but he has a skill set that projects well inside at the next level.

WEAKNESSES Parker's lack of ideal bulk and length was exposed when left on an island against high-end edge defenders. Speed rushers who are technically sound can beat him around the arc with an explosive first step and effective hand usage, while power rushers can take advantage of his lean frame. This can force him into grabby tendencies that lead to penalties, and he can be almost too patient when waiting for the defender to attack, instead of being the aggressor and taking control of the rep.

FINAL ANALYSIS Parker's physical limitations likely necessitate a move inside at the next level, but he showed during Shrine Bowl practices that he was up to the challenge of making that transition. His best spot could end up being at center, where his short-area quickness and intelligence would be maximized, and his lack of length and strength could be more easily mitigated.

GRADE 4th Round

10 LOGAN JONES

COLLEGE: IOWA
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 302 | AGE: 24

STRENGTHS Jones' well-rounded physical skill set is impressive, as he possesses a rare blend of athleticism and power that allows him to win against just about any type of defender. He has elite movement skills and lateral agility, as well as the strength to anchor consistently as both a run blocker and a pass protector. He matches that with a high football IQ that shows up when making protection calls and pre-snap checks, and he's rarely caught out of position by looping defenders on stunts and twists. His nonstop motor runs at full tilt all game long, showing elite effort on every snap, and he finishes every block with the same high level of tenacity.

WEAKNESSES Despite extensive starting experience, Jones still needs significant refinement in his technique, typically relying on his physical prowess to be enough to win the rep. His hand placement is inconsistent when trying to latch on and control his defender in the run game, and more refined interior pass rushers can challenge the timing of his punches at the point of attack. He's powerful for his size, but massive nose tackles can give him trouble when he doesn't get double-team help from his guards.

FINAL ANALYSIS Athleticism and intelligence will get Jones plenty far in the NFL, especially in a zone scheme that takes full advantage of his smarts and movement skills. He's strong for his size, but adding a little bulk to improve his ability to take on nose tackles would be ideal. He's got the potential to stick as a long-term starter, but he needs a ton of technical improvement to make that happen, and that usually takes time.

GRADE 4th Round

11 SAM HECHT

COLLEGE: KANSAS STATE
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 300 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A first-team All-Big 12 pick in 2025, Hecht is a smart and solid center prospect who can hold his own at the point of attack and knows how to get his unit into the right assignments before the snap. His hands are like vice grips, allowing him to control interior defenders with a solid base and adequate strength. He picks up complex pass-rushing games with ease, rarely getting caught by surprise or out of position. Hecht is technically sound, keeping his base and his upper body working in unison to stay balanced, rarely getting overextended or reaching to engage defenders. He takes sensible angles to wall off opponents, mitigating his physical limitations with good leverage.

WEAKNESSES As an athlete, Hecht lacks the explosiveness and lateral agility to hang with quicker interior defenders, leaving himself susceptible to opponents who can fire off the ball and get upfield before he can catch up. He's got solid anchoring ability, but huge nose tackles and the most powerful inside rushers can still walk him back into the quarterback's lap at times. He's not the most fluid mover in space, and it can feel like he's just a half-step behind the pace when climbing to the second level.

FINAL ANALYSIS A late bloomer, Hecht was a zero-star recruit coming out of high school and waited three years before cracking the starting lineup. He made up for lost time, quickly establishing himself as a reliable presence. He's got athletic limitations, but he's a high-floor prospect who will be a valuable reserve at worst and could become a solid starter in the right situation.

GRADE 4th Round

12 BEAU STEPHENS

COLLEGE: IOWA
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 315 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Stephens brings a ton of toughness and impressive size to the table, with a skill set that made him a perfect fit in the Hawkeyes' run-heavy attack. He's a devastating run blocker who wins with power and nonstop leg drive, churning with unmatched effort through the whistle. He shows solid torque

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from his core to turn defenders away from running lanes and wall them off, and he can absorb interior power rushers with a strong base. When he climbs to the second level, Stephens uses his size to engulf smaller defenders at the point of attack and erase them from the play, and he finishes every rep with attitude.

WEAKNESSES There's a lack of overall athleticism and short-area quickness that Stephens has to compensate for with his power, as more explosive interior defenders can beat him off the snap and force him into recovery mode far too often. If he's not able to latch on to his target right away, Stephens lacks the lateral movement skills and urgency to keep more athletic opponents from slipping through blocks and beating him to his landmarks. That lack of ability and explosiveness limits Stephens' effectiveness as a puller on the perimeter.

FINAL ANALYSIS He won't be an ideal fit in schemes that place a high value on athleticism, but Stephens has the strength and physical playing style to find a home in any offense that runs a power-heavy scheme. At worst, he should carve out a career as a valuable depth piece with starter potential.

GRADE 5th Round

13 DJ CAMPBELL

COLLEGE: TEXAS
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 321 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS An experienced blocker with 43 career starts to his credit, Campbell has a high football IQ, which makes perfect sense based on the amount of snaps he's played against top competition. He's a powerful presence in the ground game, using his stout frame and impressive strength to drive interior defenders off the ball and out of the way. He anchors consistently as a pass protector, absorbing power rushers and rarely letting the inside of the pocket collapse on his watch. Smart and durable, Campbell has proven his effectiveness in both gap and zone blocking, giving him valuable scheme versatility at the next level.

WEAKNESSES A pure power player, Campbell can struggle to stick with more explosive interior rushers who can beat him with quickness. He can be too reliant on his strength and pure physical traits to overcome any challenge, and more polished technicians can get the better of him with refined hand usage and combination moves. Campbell's lack of high-end athleticism limits his effectiveness when asked to get out on the move or isolate defenders at the second level or on the perimeter.

FINAL ANALYSIS His scheme versatility should appeal to just about every team in the league, but Campbell's best chance of long-term success at the next level will be with an offense that runs a ton of power concepts that will play to his strengths. With a strong coaching staff that can refine his technique, Campbell has a chance to develop from solid depth option to potential starter.

GRADE 5th Round

14 PAT COOGAN

COLLEGE: INDIANA
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 311 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Coogan puts his big frame to good use as a center prospect, walling off interior defenders and guiding them away from the quarterback or the ball carrier with solid spatial awareness and sound technique. He's effective at looking for work when not immediately covered, reading pass-rush games and finding the best place to insert himself in the action. He plays with consistent timing and takes effective angles to maximize leverage, and he can land some powerful hand strikes that serve as valuable speed bumps against opposing defenders trying to get to the quarterback. He knows how to deliver his best work on the biggest stages, too, starting for Notre Dame through its run to the title game in the 2024 season before doing the same for the national champion Hoosiers this past season.

WEAKNESSES His physical tools are fairly limited, as Coogan lacks both the high-end athleticism and pure strength to consistently beat opponents with either quickness or power. Sudden interior rushers with an explosive first step can give him fits off the snap, and his average anchoring ability can be exposed by space-eating nose tackles in the run game, as well as powerful interior pass rushers. Coogan shows solid effort early on in every rep, but he needs to be more consistent when it comes to finishing his blocks with authority.

FINAL ANALYSIS Coogan's athletic and physical shortcomings are likely to cap his ceiling, but he has a solid floor thanks to his smarts and experience, and he knows how to get the most out of the tools he does possess. He knows what it looks like to be a part of a winning program, and those kinds of intangible qualities will serve him well at the next level, even if it's just in a reserve role.

GRADE 6th Round

15 JEREMIAH WRIGHT

COLLEGE: AUBURN
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 348 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS If you grew up watching "Home Improvement" like I did, Wright is the definition of Tim Taylor's catchphrase: "More Power." A mountain of a man in the offensive trenches, Wright makes the most of his size, plowing the road in the run game with brute strength. In pass protection, Wright can hold up against strong interior rushers when he keeps his base wide and his pads low, dropping anchor and controlling the defender at the point of attack with strong hands. He plays with a ton of energy, and his punishing style of play sets the barometer for the entire offensive line.

WEAKNESSES Explosive interior rushers can stress Wright's ability to fire out of his stance quickly, forcing him to play catch-up and getting him off-balance as he chases to recover. His balance and leverage are inconsistent at best, as he needs to do a better job of keeping his shoulders over his feet and not getting too narrow in his base, which leads to reaching and lunging to make his blocks. His massive frame is an asset as a power blocker, but it will consistently test his conditioning, especially if asked to play four quarters against NFL competition.

FINAL ANALYSIS Wright has potential if he lands in a power scheme that allows him to be the classic road-grading mauler that he is and doesn't ask him to bring high-end quickness and athleticism to the table. With some technical improvements, Wright should be able to earn a roster spot as a valuable depth piece who can hold his ground if asked to fill in when injuries pop up.

GRADE 6th Round

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Arvell Reese

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EDGE DEFENDERS

1 ARVELL REESE

COLLEGE: OHIO STATE
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 243 | AGE: 20

STRENGTHS A versatile front-seven defender with the experience and skill set to excel at multiple positions, Reese can wreak havoc from just about anywhere on the field. He made his transition from off-ball linebacker to edge player look seamless this season, using impressive first-step quickness, length and athleticism to be an effective pass rusher. He can win with both speed and power off the edge, keeping opposing blockers guessing from snap to snap. The fluidity and range that made him a talented linebacker prospect are rare among edge defenders, and he's got the motor to consistently chase down plays from the back side or pursue across the field. His unique skill set allows him to be reliable and opportunistic when asked to drop into coverage, shutting down passing lanes with his wingspan and wrapping up ball carriers in the open field to limit big plays after the catch, thanks to his polished tackling technique.

WEAKNESSES As a pure pass rusher, Reese still has a ton of room to grow in terms of his technique and hand usage, as he wins more with pure athletic ability at this point. Deepening his bag of initial moves and learning how to set up and execute well-timed counterattacks will be key to taking the next step in his development. He can be a bit too aggressive at times as both a run defender and in coverage, biting on play-action fakes and overrunning gaps to leave open cutback lanes.

FINAL ANALYSIS Similar to Abdul Carter last year, Reese brings a unique skill set to the table, with experience at multiple positions and limitless potential after transitioning to primarily an edge role in 2025. Refining his technique will make him a more complete player at the next level, but his physical traits and versatility alone give him a sky-high ceiling in any NFL scheme.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	6	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2024	16	43	3.5-12	0.5-5	2	0-0	0-0	0
2025	14	69	10.0-45	6.5-41	5	0-0	0-0	2
Career	36	112	13.5-57	7.0-46	7	0-0	0-0	2

2 RUEBEN BAIN JR.

COLLEGE: MIAMI (FLA.)
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 270 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A complete package of explosiveness and power, Bain can beat you any way he wants as a pass rusher. His first-step quickness off the ball is startling, and he packs a ton of power that can put opposing blockers on skates. He's got strong, violent hands that allow him to control the point of attack and prevent offensive linemen from keeping him locked up in the ground game, and he uses devastating chop-and-rip moves to get himself free on the way to the quarterback. He's got a strong lower body that provides a reliable anchor against the run, and his nonstop effort allows him to chase down plays from anywhere on the field. Bain has a knack for making clutch plays in critical moments when the defense needs them most, and he's a smart defender who doesn't find himself out of position often.

WEAKNESSES Bain's biggest question mark will be a lack of ideal length, which could present challenges against NFL tackles with longer wingspans. He can be a devastating run defender when flying downhill to the ball, but shifty running backs can stress his tackling technique in space if they have even a small window to shake him before he shows up. Though he wins often with pure physical prowess or his initial move, Bain would benefit from developing a wider range of effective counters as a pass rusher.

FINAL ANALYSIS While he has some room for growth, and his arm length might not meet ideal thresholds for certain teams, Bain is a pro-ready pass rusher who has proven he has the tools to dominate 1-on-1 matchups and get to the quarterback early and often. His run-stuffing ability gives him true three-down value at the next level, and his combination of size, power and explosiveness could make him a double-digit sack artist for years to come.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	13	44	12.5-61	7.5-50	4	3-0	0-0	1
2024	9	23	5.5-29	3.5-20	1	0-0	0-0	0
2025	16	54	15.5-75	9.5-57	5	1-0	1-12	1
Career	38	121	33.5-165	20.5-127	10	4-0	1-12	2

3 DAVID BAILEY

COLLEGE: TEXAS TECH
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 250 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS You know that pass rusher who is so quick off the ball, it looks like he's offsides on just about every snap? That's Bailey, who has an explosive first step that borders on unfair and likely keeps opposing offensive tackles up at night. He's not just a speed demon, either; Bailey can convert that speed to power with explosive hands and a nasty bull rush, and he's got a deep bag of initial moves and counterattacks that ensures he gets to the quarterback by any means necessary. He's a high-motor defender who plays at full tilt for all four quarters and beyond, and his ability to create pressures and finish them with sacks, especially in clutch situations, is one of the most valuable traits any prospect can have, regardless of position. He's surprisingly comfortable dropping into zone coverage when asked, and he has the athleticism and versatility to fit multiple schemes.

WEAKNESSES Bailey lacks ideal bulk for the position, which can bite him when he's forced to anchor on the edge against the run. Powerful tackles and pulling guards can drive him out of the play when they get locked onto his frame, and he can be just a split-second too late when trying to diagnose zone-read action, leading to missed opportunities for tackles in the backfield. He can be too aggressive in overpursuing the ball carrier at times, leaving the edge open for cutbacks.

FINAL ANALYSIS If you're looking for the most explosive edge rusher in this class, Bailey is your guy. There are more complete players in this position group, but nobody who brings the juice off the snap and around the arc like he does. Adding some power and lower-body strength would help his effectiveness against the run, but his ability to impact the quarterback with speed off the edge is enough to warrant a top-10 selection.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	11	46	8.5-43	2.5-14	3	2-0	0-0	0
2023	10	34	6.0-29	5.0-24	2	0-0	0-0	0
2024	12	31	8.0-48	7.0-47	8	5-0	0-0	1
2025	14	52	19.5-142	14.5-133	13	3-1	0-0	3
Career	47	163	42.0-262	29.0-218	26	10-1	0-0	4

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4 KELDRIC FAULK

COLLEGE: AUBURN
HEIGHT: 6-6 | WEIGHT: 285 | AGE: 20

STRENGTHS You won't find many edge players with this kind of size, athleticism and versatility. Faulk's massive frame and ridiculous wingspan make him a three-down weapon on the edge, with the ability to keep opposing blockers away from his frame and disengage to make tackles. He has the strength to set the edge in the ground game, and he isn't easily pushed out of the play. As a pass rusher, Faulk explodes off the ball and leaves tackles grasping at air, and he knows how to convert that speed to power for effective bull rushes. His physical tools and rare skill set give Faulk the ability to line up all over the defensive front, overwhelming interior blockers with his explosiveness and athleticism and doing the same on the edge with his length and strength. He shows polished technique against both the run and pass, using his length to knock down passes at the line of scrimmage, and he plays with relentless effort on every snap.

WEAKNESSES For all of Faulk's physical gifts, they have yet to translate to consistent production, as he managed just two sacks last season after posting seven the year before. He can be a dominant force in the trenches, but if asked to drop into coverage or play in space, Faulk can struggle to match shiftier running backs in the open field. If he wants to take the next step as a pass rusher, developing more effective counter moves to go to when his initial plan doesn't work could be the key.

FINAL ANALYSIS Faulk's lack of production might be concerning to some NFL teams, but his rare physical traits and alignment versatility will still be too much for the majority of them to pass up. Edge defenders with this kind of athletic profile don't stay on the board very long, and it won't be surprising if Faulk ends up being a top-10 pick. He'll put up bigger numbers in the NFL than he did in college.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	13	35	3.5-5	1.0-1	2	0-0	0-0	1
2024	12	45	11.0-63	7.0-49	7	1-1	0-0	1
2025	12	29	5.0-18	2.0-11	6	0-1	0-0	4
Career	37	109	19.5-86	10.0-61	15	1-2	0-0	6

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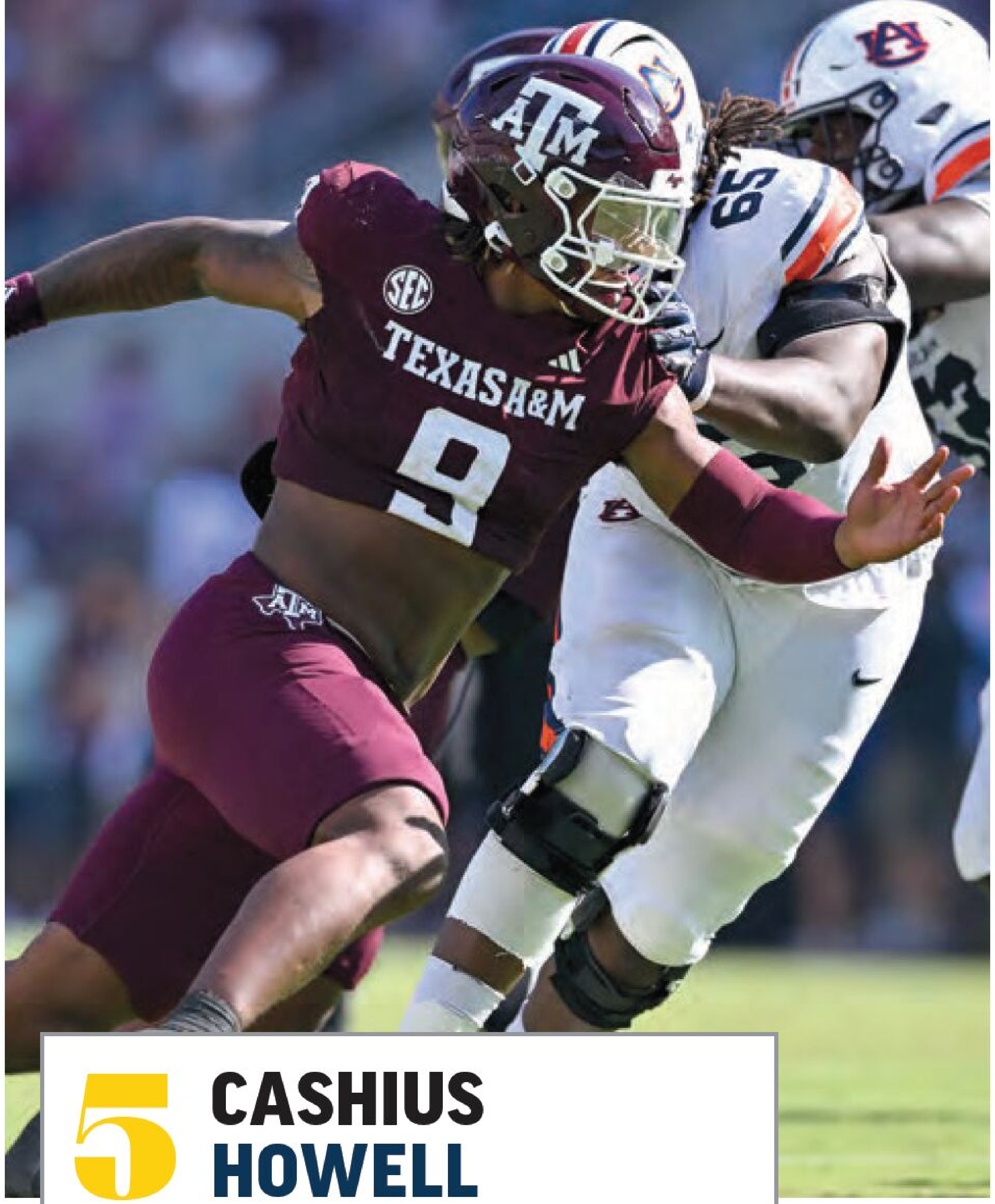

5 CASHIUS HOWELL

COLLEGE: TEXAS A&M
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 248 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Every NFL defense wants an edge rusher who can single-handedly take over a game, and Howell has proven he can do just that (go watch him get sacks on first, second and third down of the same drive vs. Utah State). He's explosive off the ball and has a wide range of moves at his disposal, with the ability to win with speed just as effectively as he can with power. He's also a polished technician who uses his hands effectively to execute those initial moves and counters, keeping opposing blockers guessing on a snap-to-snap basis. His first-step burst can force blockers to start oversetting him with too much depth, and he's adept at waiting for that to happen so he can beat them with an inside counter to the quarterback.

WEAKNESSES Howell still needs a ton of work as a run defender, as he lacks the functional strength to anchor effectively and set a strong edge on the ground. His frame would suggest a strong fit in 3-4 base schemes that can mitigate his lack of ideal size, but Howell doesn't have a proven track record of being able to drop into coverage, which would limit his impact in that outside linebacker role. Nearly half of his sack production in 2025 came in two games (Utah State, Mississippi State), and he was shut out against Texas and Miami (Fla.) to finish the season, which could lead to questions about his level of competition.

FINAL ANALYSIS There's plenty of evidence that Howell can be a dominant pass rusher at the next level, but there's also the risk that he could turn out to be a one-trick pony who doesn't ascend above a situational role. If he can develop some versatility, both in coverage and as a run defender, it would raise his ceiling as a potential every-down player, but his pass-rushing chops are likely to be enough to warrant first-round consideration.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2021	4	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2022	13	22	2.5-20	2.0-15	1	0-1	0-0	1
2023	13	28	10.5-62	9.5-61	5	1-0	0-0	1
2024	13	40	8.5-37	4.0-27	8	1-0	1-6	7
2025	13	31	14.0-85	11.5-80	5	1-0	0-0	6
Career	56	127	35.5-204	27.0-183	19	3-1	1-6	15

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AKHEEM MESIDOR

COLLEGE: MIAMI (FLA.)
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 265 | AGE: 25

STRENGTHS Mesidor has rare explosiveness for a heavier edge player, firing off the ball and sending offensive tackles scrambling to match his get-off. That first step wins him a ton of reps, and with his wide frame, he's able to hold his ground and shield the blocker while turning the corner to the quarterback. He can use his size just as often to execute effective bull rushes, driving tackles back into the quarterback's lap and disrupting the pocket, even if he doesn't come away with the sack. He sets a strong edge against the run, using powerful hands at the point of attack to stack and shed blocks, leaving himself free to make tackles. Mesidor is a smart player who knows how to decipher blocking schemes and put himself in the best position to make plays, and his motor never stops running at full speed.

WEAKNESSES He's been highly productive as a pass rusher with both speed and power, but Mesidor still leans heavily on his physical traits to win every rep. He'll need to develop a more technical approach at the next level, as NFL blockers will challenge him to add more intricate pass-rushing moves to his repertoire. Mesidor will be one of the older prospects in this class, turning 25 before the draft.

FINAL ANALYSIS A versatile and highly productive rusher, Mesidor has the physical traits and high-effort style of play that give him a high floor when projecting pro success. His ceiling will depend on his ability to fine-tune his technique and widen his array of pass-rushing moves, but teams will have to weigh how early to value that floor and potential ceiling for a player who will be pushing 30 when he hits his second contract.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2020	10	32	6.5-38	5.0-33	0	0-0	0-0	0
2021	13	38	8.0-50	4.5-38	3	0-0	0-0	0
2022	11	38	10.5-46	7.0-41	3	1-0	0-0	4
2023	3	5	1.0-1	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0
2024	13	32	9.0-54	5.5-49	2	0-0	0-0	0
2025	15	63	17.5-114	12.5-99	6	4-0	0-0	0
Career	65	208	52.5-303	35.5-261	14	5-0	0-0	4

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T.J. PARKER

COLLEGE: CLEMSON
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 260 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A well-rounded defender with a three-down skill set, Parker can get after the passer with both speed and power, and he uses his well-built frame to set a strong edge against the run. He's got absolute hammers for hands, executing a wide range of pass-rushing moves and effectively disengaging from blocks to free himself up to make tackles in the ground game. He also has a knack for creating takeaways, forcing six fumbles in 2024. He shows the ability to seamlessly move from his initial pass-rushing move into well-timed counterattacks to ensure he creates stress and chaos for opposing quarterbacks by any means necessary. Parker is a smart, instinctive player who can sniff out screen passes and misdirection plays, and he brings a palpable intensity to the field that his teammates feed off of.

WEAKNESSES Parker doesn't come off the ball with an elite first step, lacking the explosiveness of the other top edge rushers in this class. The same can be said for versatility, as Parker doesn't have the overall athleticism or lateral fluidity to be comfortable in space when asked to drop into coverage, where his tackling technique and pursuit angles can be inconsistent. Consistency has also been an issue in terms of keeping his pads low, and his motor can fluctuate from play to play. After putting up big numbers in 2024, Parker's production dropped considerably (just five sacks in 2025).

FINAL ANALYSIS While he may lack the high-end athletic traits and upside of others in this group, Parker's prowess as a run defender and his ability to get after the quarterback in multiple ways still give him a high floor at the next level. He's best suited for teams that still employ four-man fronts frequently and need a three-down edge defender who can be dependable against both the run and the pass at a high level without having to come off the field.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	13	32	12.5-58	5.5-39	7	0-1	0-0	2
2024	14	57	19.5-93	11.0-68	5	6-2	0-0	1
2025	12	37	9.5-35	5.0-29	7	0-3	0-0	1
Career	39	126	41.5-186	21.5-136	19	6-6	0-0	4

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8 R MASON THOMAS

COLLEGE: OKLAHOMA

HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 249 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A tenacious edge rusher with game-wrecking ability, Thomas sets the tone for the entire defense with his high-octane style of play. He has an explosive first step and shows the natural bend to beat tackles around the arc and arrive at the quarterback with a vengeance. He's a high-motor defender who knows how to finish the job, turning consistent pressures into sacks and potential takeaways, and he packs surprising power as a tackler for an undersized edge defender. He's a smart player who doesn't lose his gap integrity against the run, and he knows not to overrun the quarterback and allow escapes by not maintaining proper depth in his rush lanes. Thomas has violent hands at the point of attack that allow him to stay free and not get washed out of the play.

WEAKNESSES Thomas' lack of ideal size wasn't a serious detriment at the college level, but that could change at the next level, where opposing blockers will be bigger, faster, stronger and more technically sound. If he's on the field for early downs, he'll have to prove he can anchor the edge despite his smaller frame. Nagging injuries have held Thomas back at times, which could lead to durability questions from NFL teams.

FINAL ANALYSIS Size isn't everything, and Thomas proved that by dominating as a pass rusher against top competition in the SEC. He could still struggle early on as a run defender due to his undersized frame, but getting after the quarterback is the top priority for any edge defender, and few in this class do it better than Thomas when he's healthy.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	10	7	1.0-6	0.5-5	1	0-0	0-0	0
2023	9	9	2.5-14	1.0-7	2	0-0	0-0	1
2024	13	23	12.5-65	9.0-59	11	2-2	0-0	1
2025	10	26	9.5-63	6.5-54	3	2-1	0-0	1
Career	42	65	25.5-148	17.0-125	17	4-3	0-0	3

9 ZION YOUNG

COLLEGE: MISSOURI

HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 262 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Length and strength are the name of the game for Young, who puts his large frame and impressive wingspan to good use as both a run defender and a pass rusher. His long-arm technique can be devastating for opposing blockers who can't beat his reach, and he has the anchor to set a strong edge against the run. He uses his violent hands effectively to keep tackles from locking onto his frame, and he knows how to maximize leverage to gain the corner on his way to the quarterback. Young's intelligence shows up in how quickly he diagnoses what's happening in the backfield, and he plays with the utmost effort throughout the entire play, maintaining that nonstop motor for four quarters.

WEAKNESSES Young lacks an elite first step, and aggressive tackles can sometimes get into his chest if they attack quickly before he has a chance to land a punch of his own. While his initial pass-rush moves are often successful, Young still needs to develop a more complete counter game, as experienced NFL tackles will test the depth of his repertoire. His tall frame challenges his pad level and leverage in the run game at times, and he lacks the fluid hips and spatial awareness in coverage to be truly scheme versatile.

FINAL ANALYSIS Young is best suited as a base end in four-man fronts. His prowess as both a power rusher and a run defender should give him a chance to stay on the field for every down at the next level. Teams that require more versatility, explosiveness and athleticism in space might not be as interested, but Young could be a quality starter for a defense that plays to his strengths.

GRADE: 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	8	21	2.0-10	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	12	26	4.5-20	1.5-5	7	0-0	0-0	0
2024	13	42	5.5-20	2.5-11	5	1-1	0-0	3
2025	13	42	16.5-83	6.5-64	14	2-0	0-0	2
Career	46	131	28.5-133	11.5-87	26	3-1	0-0	5

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10 LT OVERTON

COLLEGE: ALABAMA
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 278 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS Big and versatile, Overton is one of those players who gets off the bus first and makes an immediate impact before he even steps on the field. An impressive combination of size, athleticism and physicality allows Overton to line up all over the defensive front, creating matchup problems based on specific situations. He has the frame and power to set a strong edge against the run, and he can win with power as an edge rusher or quickness when he slides inside and gets matched up against interior blockers. He's a high-motor player coaches and teammates will love at the next level, always chasing plays down and giving maximum effort on every snap. Overton's intelligence and instincts allow him to quickly diagnose what's happening in front of him, keeping him one step ahead of the opponent.

WEAKNESSES Some technical improvements are needed here, as Overton still relies on physical traits to win the majority of his reps instead of leaning on polished technique. He can be a tick late off the ball at times, and he lacks consistency with his hand usage, which can be exposed by more technically sound blockers. While there's no denying the physical prowess and versatility he brings to the table, that never translated to high-level production for Overton at the college level (just seven career sacks in four seasons).

FINAL ANALYSIS Overton's physical tools, versatility and relentless effort are enough to give him an extremely high floor as a dominant early-down defender at the next level. Refining his technique would unlock another stratosphere for his potential, though, and would give him a better chance of developing into an impact player who can stay on the field for all three downs.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	11	31	3.0-12	1.0-8	5	0-0	0-0	0
2023	12	17	0.0-0	0.0-0	3	0-0	0-0	0
2024	13	42	3.0-11	2.0-9	9	1-1	0-0	1
2025	13	42	6.0-28	4.0-23	4	0-0	0-0	1
Career	49	132	12.0-51	7.0-40	21	1-1	0-0	2

11 JOSHUA JOSEPHS

COLLEGE: TENNESSEE
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 240 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS With a lightning-quick first step, Josephs jumps off the tape immediately with his ability to explode off the ball and challenge opposing blockers around the arc. He shows a natural bend to turn the corner and maintain balance while flattening his route to the quarterback, exposing any physical shortcomings or technical flaws in his opponent. His impressive length allows him to maintain control at the point of attack, setting up a wide range of moves that give him the ability to attack outside or inside. He can quickly convert speed to power, surprising offensive tackles with his strength and wingspan, leaving them scrambling to keep up throughout the rep. Josephs is a high-effort player who brings a ton of energy, even in late-game situations.

WEAKNESSES Josephs still needs plenty of work as a run defender, as his lean frame limits his ability to anchor on the edge and keep the line of scrimmage from resetting in his direction. Bigger, stronger blockers can consistently drive him off the ball and out of the play in the ground game, and he's still developing the ability to quickly diagnose the run and put himself in position to make a play in the backfield. Despite impressive physical traits as a pass rusher, Josephs never logged more than four sacks in a season in college, totaling just 9.5 sacks over four years.

FINAL ANALYSIS The explosiveness, length and pass-rushing moves are enough to give Josephs a solid floor as a situational pass rusher at the next level, with big-play upside in key moments that will have tons of value. But if he wants to truly unlock his potential as an every-down player, he'll need to get stronger and improve his processing and anchoring ability as a run defender.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	12	12	2.5-9	1.0-7	5	0-0	0-0	2
2023	12	20	4.5-24	3.0-18	3	0-0	0-0	1
2024	13	39	9.0-25	1.5-10	8	3-2	0-0	3
2025	11	33	6.0-23	4.0-19	6	3-2	0-0	3
Career	48	104	22.0-81	9.5-54	21	6-4	0-0	9

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12 ROMELLO HEIGHT

COLLEGE: TEXAS TECH
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 240 | AGE: 25

STRENGTHS Few in this class get to the quarterback better than Height. He's lightning-quick off the ball and challenges opposing offensive tackles with his burst and acceleration around the arc. He doesn't just win with athletic ability, though; Height has a deep bag of polished moves he can win with consistently, and he knows how to use his hands effectively to create leverage and give himself a technical advantage on his way to the passer. If his first move doesn't work, he's comfortable moving to a well-executed counter, and he has the motor to keep fighting through the rep at 100%. Despite a leaner frame, he's a violent, punishing hitter who can make splash plays when he gets to the ball carrier.

WEAKNESSES Height's lack of bulk could make things challenging for him as a pro. He lacks the strength to convert speed to power at a level that will be consistently effective against quality NFL opponents, and he struggles to consistently anchor against the run, which could make it difficult for him to stay on the field on early downs. If he's asked to play in space or drop into coverage, Height's lateral fluidity and technique as a tackler can be exposed by shifty runners and receivers. He'll also be an older prospect in this class, turning 25 before the draft.

FINAL ANALYSIS It's likely Height gets labeled a one-trick pony due to his lack of size and power, but when that one trick is exploding off the edge and sacking the quarterback all the time, it's still enough to entice NFL teams in the early rounds. His shortcomings may keep him out of the first round, but even as a situational pass rusher, Height could put up double-digit sacks with his speed, effort and technique.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2020	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0
2021	9	19	3.0-9	0.0-0	4	0-0	0-0	0
2022	2	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	12	20	6.0-35	4.0-31	1	0-1	0-0	0
2024	12	34	6.5-26	2.5-16	4	2-0	1-16	0
2025	14	38	11.5-72	10.0-70	13	2-1	0-0	1
Career	50	111	27.0-142	16.5-117	23	4-2	1-16	1

13 DANI DENNIS-SUTTON

COLLEGE: PENN STATE
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 265 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS An impressive athlete with a huge frame and valuable versatility, Sutton creates big plays in a wide range of ways. He uses his size and length effectively as a power rusher off the edge, jarring opposing blockers with violent hands and driving them back to shrink the pocket and impact the quarterback. Dennis-Sutton is a smart run defender who uses his frame and wingspan to set a consistent edge and control the perimeter on his side of the field, and he shows both the speed and motor to chase down plays from behind as the backside end. When asked to drop into coverage, Sutton shows off his athleticism and playmaking ability, closing down passing lanes with his length and even getting his hands on the ball to create takeaways.

WEAKNESSES Despite his overall athleticism, Dennis-Sutton lacks elite explosiveness off the ball, and tackles with more burst at the snap can get ahead of his initial moves as a pass rusher. He's still learning how to bring variation to his pass-rush toolbox, as his initial moves can get stale over the course of a game, and his lack of effective counters can be exposed by more technically sound opponents. As is the case with most taller edge players, maintaining low pads and consistent leverage is a constant challenge.

FINAL ANALYSIS Dennis-Sutton showed marked improvement throughout his career in Happy Valley, and his combination of size, smarts and versatility gives him a ton of upside at the next level. A more explosive first step and a broader range of pass-rushing moves would raise that ceiling, but his run defense and athleticism give him a high floor as a three-down defender, regardless of scheme.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	13	17	3.5-22	3.0-21	3	0-0	1-20	1
2023	13	26	6.0-33	3.5-29	3	2-1	0-0	1
2024	16	42	13.0-56	8.5-48	9	2-1	1-0	3
2025	13	42	12.0-73	8.5-57	8	3-0	0-0	3
Career	55	127	34.5-184	23.5-155	23	7-2	2-20	8

14 MALACHI LAWRENCE

COLLEGE: UCF
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 260 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A natural pass rusher with a perfect blend of physical traits and technical prowess, Lawrence has a detailed plan for how to get to the quarterback, and he knows how to make the most of his talent. He's got an ideal frame for the position, with impressive length that makes life difficult for opposing blockers at the point of attack, and his wide range of polished moves gives him limitless possibilities when it comes to attacking his opponent and finding the best path to the passer. He's got an explosive first step, and he can win with pure speed off the edge or use his wingspan to drive tackles backward to collapse the pocket. Lawrence has a nonstop motor that allows him to create pressure at a ridiculous rate, and he shows the hand usage and balance of a grizzled veteran.

WEAKNESSES Lawrence is still developing his skill set as a run defender, and he needs to sharpen the finer points of keeping his pads low and playing from a wide base to anchor on the edge and redirect ball carriers back to his help inside. His pressure rate and production were impressive in college, but he'll have to prove he can be just as dominant against NFL competition that will close the gap between his athletic prowess and that of his opponents.

FINAL ANALYSIS All the physical and mental tools are there for Lawrence to develop into a high-impact player at the pro level, especially on passing downs. He'll need to become more refined and consistent as a run defender if he wants to make that kind of impact on early downs, but even as a rotational or situational rusher, Lawrence could make a massive impact at the next level.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	3	2	0.5-3	0.5-3	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	13	27	10.5-68	7.5-55	6	0-0	0-0	1
2024	11	15	6.0-34	5.0-33	4	1-1	0-0	1
2025	12	28	11.0-48	7.0-41	3	2-0	0-0	3
Career	39	72	28.0-153	20.0-132	13	3-1	0-0	5

15 DERRICK MOORE

COLLEGE: MICHIGAN
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 260 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A well-built defender with a solid frame, Moore converts speed to power to drive tackles back into the quarterback's lap, and he executes this signature move extremely well. He has active hands and works hard to keep them free throughout every pass-rushing rep, leaving himself open to both inside and outside tracks to the passer. Tight ends have a tough time blocking him out on the edge in the run game, and his breakout 2025 campaign showed marked improvement in terms of his first-step explosiveness off the ball, as well as his ability to finish with sacks instead of mere pressures.

WEAKNESSES Despite the power and physicality that show up in his pass-rush game, Moore is still a work in progress as a run defender. He has a difficult time setting a strong and consistent edge against more powerful tackles, getting washed out of the play too often, or turned back inside due to an inability to consistently anchor with a wide base. Outside of speed-to-power and the occasional long-arm technique that gets him home, Moore doesn't have a wide range of proven pass-rushing moves or effective counters to challenge opposing blockers with variety when his initial moves get stale.

FINAL ANALYSIS Moore enjoyed a breakout campaign with double-digit sacks for the Wolverines last season, and he also had an impressive showing during Senior Bowl practices. He needs to develop a more varied pass-rushing plan and improve his overall run defense if he wants to be an every-down player at the next level, but at the worst, Moore has a bright future as a situational pass rusher who is capable of making big plays on third downs.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	14	8	2.0-14	2.0-14	2	0-0	0-0	1
2023	15	34	6.0-34	5.0-31	4	1-1	0-0	2
2024	12	23	6.0-45	4.0-40	4	0-1	0-0	2
2025	12	30	10.5-98	10.0-97	3	2-1	0-0	3
Career	53	95	24.5-191	21.0-182	13	3-3	0-0	8

16 JABE JACAS

COLLEGE: ILLINOIS
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 270 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A productive pass rusher who can win with both power and quickness, Jacas uses his stout frame to drive tackles into the backfield, and he can catch blockers off-guard with quick transitions from speed to power off the edge. His spatial awareness shows up in his ability to counter inside when tackles overset, and he understands pass-rushing depth to ensure he doesn't overrun the quarterback. Jacas is a high-motor defender who keeps churning his legs and fighting with his hands from snap to whistle in an effort to get to the quarterback or pursue the ball carrier.

WEAKNESSES Jacas has a well-built frame and wins with power frequently as a pass rusher, but he's still learning how to translate those traits into consistent effectiveness as a run defender. He struggles with keeping his pads low to create leverage, and he has a difficult time anchoring against opposing blockers or disengaging to free himself up for the tackle, often getting pushed out of the play. Despite his impressive lateral quickness, Jacas lacks explosiveness off the snap, and he doesn't possess the straight-line speed to consistently threaten tackles immediately around the arc.

FINAL ANALYSIS He's proven he can get to the quarterback, and that alone is worth plenty at the next level. Jacas also has the physical traits to be a more complete player, but he needs to develop better technique and learn how to consistently maximize his natural talent to improve his run defense if he wants to be anything more than a productive sub-package rusher on passing downs.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	13	35	5.0-36	4.0-33	5	0-0	0-0	0
2023	12	31	4.0-17	4.0-17	5	1-0	0-0	1
2024	13	74	13.0-70	8.0-56	10	3-1	0-0	0
2025	12	43	13.5-65	11.0-61	6	3-0	0-0	1
Career	50	183	35.5-188	27.0-167	26	7-1	0-0	2

17 ANTHONY LUCAS

COLLEGE: USC
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 285 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS Huge and versatile, Lucas uses his massive frame and impressive length to hold the point of attack from a wide range of different alignments in the defensive trenches. He has an explosive first step that forces tackles back onto their heels right away, and he combines violent hands with that long wingspan to keep blockers from latching onto his frame. Lucas shows impressive movement skills and fluidity for a defender of his size, changing direction without much wasted movement and challenging opponents with athleticism as much as power and technique. He shows a deep bag of pass-rushing moves, and he plays with a high level of effort in pursuit.

WEAKNESSES While he can attack with any number of initial moves as a pass rusher, Lucas still needs to improve his transitions to counter moves that can still win the rep when his initial plan is met with resistance. For all of his physical tools and versatility, Lucas was never able to translate those skills into consistent production (just three career sacks). He missed a decent chunk of the 2024 campaign with a season-ending leg injury, so there could be durability questions.

FINAL ANALYSIS Lucas brings an impressive blend of physical tools to the table, and his size and skill set give him the potential to line up all over the place and play in any scheme. The tasks for his NFL coaching staff will be refining his secondary pass-rushing approach and figuring out how to maximize his physical traits and turn them into reliable production. There's a solid floor here, and tons of upside in the right landing spot.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	7	10	1.0-7	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0
2023	13	10	3.5-8	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2024	7	16	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1
2025	12	37	3.5-30	3.0-29	7	1-1	0-0	0
Career	39	73	8.0-45	3.0-29	8	1-1	0-0	1

18 CADEN CURRY

COLLEGE: OHIO STATE
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 260 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A violent defender with a nonstop motor, Curry fires off the ball with bad intentions, bringing a high level of physicality to every snap. He's got active hands as a pass rusher, constantly swiping and fighting through contact to create chaos in the pocket, winning plenty of reps with pure relentlessness. That physicality and effort show up in the run game, too, where Curry sets a solid edge and works to keep opposing blockers from locking into his frame and driving him out of the play. He showed some alignment versatility for the Buckeyes, lining up at multiple spots and proving he could fit in just about any scheme with his skill set and experience.

WEAKNESSES Curry lacks high-end athletic traits to overwhelm opponents with pure power or explosiveness, and that's likely to be even more evident against NFL competition. His ability to consistently anchor against the run could be tested against the league's best run blockers unless he's able to add some quality bulk to his frame, but additional weight could further limit his speed off the edge. While the Buckeyes would slide him inside in certain situations to get mismatches against interior blockers, that may not be as effective a strategy at the next level, limiting his versatility.

FINAL ANALYSIS While he may not have the upside that comes along with rare physical traits or elite athleticism, Curry's combination of toughness, physicality and effort gives him a solid floor. He could eventually develop into an early-down starter for teams that run four-man fronts as their base look, making an immediate impact on special teams in the meantime.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	13	14	1.5-6	0.5-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	11	9	3.5-23	1.5-17	2	0-0	0-0	1
2024	16	22	3.5-47	2.5-24	1	2-0	0-0	0
2025	14	66	16.5-79	11.0-72	8	1-2	0-0	2
Career	54	111	25.0-155	15.5-113	11	3-2	0-0	3

19 NADAME TUCKER

COLLEGE: WESTERN MICHIGAN
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 250 | AGE: 25

STRENGTHS Polished and productive, Tucker can get to the quarterback in just about any way he chooses, and that was reflected in the big numbers he put up for the Broncos last season. Tucker's 14.5 sacks in 2025 tied Texas Tech's David Bailey for the most in the FBS, and his tape shows a refined pass rusher with natural bend and explosiveness. He has a long list of initial moves and effective counters that create multiple paths to the quarterback based on the opposing tackle he's facing, and he knows how to consistently finish his reps to convert pressures into sacks and potential turnovers. Tucker proved he could hang with top competition when he dominated in practice all week at the Senior Bowl.

WEAKNESSES Tucker's undersized frame is likely to present challenges at the NFL level, where more powerful blockers will be able to wash him out of the run game more consistently than his college opponents did. That could limit Tucker's ability to make an impact on early downs without adding more bulk to increase his strength and anchoring ability, but that also risks impacting his explosiveness as a pass rusher. Already 25, Tucker is one of the oldest prospects in this class, so there could be questions about his upside.

FINAL ANALYSIS There will be understandable questions about Tucker's lack of size and level of competition, but his film displays a polished and prepared defender who wins with technique and intelligence as much as he does with physical traits. That typically translates well to NFL success, and his performance at the Senior Bowl proves that his production wasn't a fluke. Even as a part-time player, Tucker could make a big impact at the next level.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	3	1	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	9	7	1.0-1	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0
2024	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2025	13	55	21.0-138	14.5-119	16	4-0	0-0	1
Career	26	65	22.5-140	14.5-119	17	4-0	0-0	1

20 LOGAN FANO

COLLEGE: UTAH
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 260 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Fano's eye-popping frame jumps out right away, as he looks every bit the part of the modern NFL edge defender. He's a well-rounded prospect who uses his physical tools well as a run defender first and foremost, taking full advantage of his length to keep opposing blockers detached from the rest of his body, making it easier for him to disengage and stay free to make tackles on the edge. He can win with quick hands as a pass rusher, gaining an immediate advantage either inside or outside by getting tackles to overcommit to his initial move before hitting them with a solid counter. The football bloodlines are clear, too, with four uncles who played in the NFL and a brother (Spencer) who is a top tackle prospect in this class.

WEAKNESSES While he's proven he can create pressure at a high rate, Fano struggled to finish and translate that into consistent production (10.5 career sacks over three seasons). He suffered a season-ending knee injury in 2023, so there could be questions about his durability as he transitions to the next level. There's not one elite trait that jumps off the film, with just adequate explosiveness and power evident on tape, and his taller frame will make it a consistent challenge for him to keep his pads low to maintain proper leverage, especially against the run.

FINAL ANALYSIS Fano's size, length and knack for creating consistent pressure give him intriguing upside at the next level. If he can avoid another serious injury and learn how to turn those pressures into sacks more often, Fano clearly has the physical tools and pedigree to develop into a valuable rotational player who can also make an impact on multiple special teams units.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	5	14	4.0-23	3.5-23	0	2-1	0-0	1
2024	12	35	6.5-25	2.5-8	4	1-1	0-0	1
2025	11	44	7.5-34	4.5-27	3	0-0	0-0	2
Career	28	93	18.0-82	10.5-58	7	3-2	0-0	4

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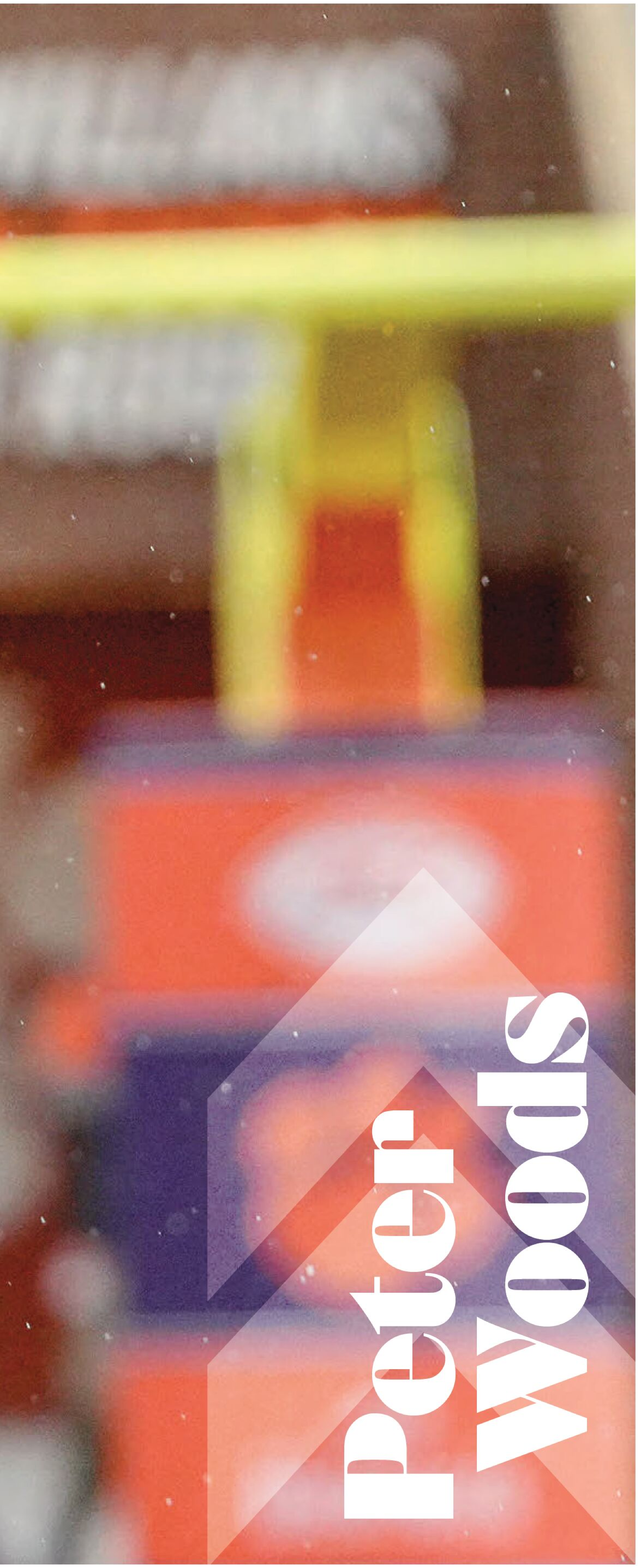

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INTERIOR D-LINE

1 PETER WOODS

COLLEGE: CLEMSON
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 310 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS There simply aren't many 310-pound human beings on the planet with the kind of athleticism Woods brings to the table. He explodes off the snap, immediately putting opposing blockers on their heels and getting them off-balance as they try to recover and anchor. He can be a dangerous weapon on stunts and twists, as blockers who are late to engage him coming around or across have no hope of catching up once he's got a full head of steam. He brings the power you'd expect from such a massive interior defender, too, anchoring effectively against the run and commanding routine double-teams. He's a high-effort player whose nonstop motor jumps off the screen, and he's got the versatility to line up at multiple spots across the defensive front.

WEAKNESSES As a pass rusher, Woods relies more on pure physical ability to win the majority of his reps, banking on his explosiveness and power to be enough without developing a wide range of polished moves. His technique as a tackler could use some work, too, as he can struggle to consistently break down in space and wrap up ball carriers. Those technical deficiencies have likely contributed to a lack of production that could be concerning to some NFL teams.

FINAL ANALYSIS Woods will need a good amount of development and refinement at the next level, but his physical tools alone are enough to warrant a first-round pick. Throw in his every-down effort that never seems to wane, and NFL teams won't have a problem spending an early pick to get his athleticism, versatility, power and motor into the building, trusting their coaching staff to maximize those traits and turn them into bigger numbers than he had in college.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	12	26	2.5-3	0.0-0	3	1-0	0-0	0
2024	11	28	8.5-31	3.0-13	4	1-0	0-0	0
2025	12	30	3.5-16	2.0-14	3	0-0	0-0	1
Career	35	84	14.5-50	5.0-27	10	2-0	0-0	1

2 KAYDEN McDONALD

COLLEGE: OHIO STATE
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 326 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A dominant space-eater in the middle, McDonald uses his wide frame and impressive power to provide a consistent anchor in the ground game. He routinely commands double-teams, and even that's not enough to keep him out of the backfield most of the time. McDonald plays with a consistent pad level that allows him to maintain leverage and control the point of attack, and he shows the intelligence, strength and timing to shed blocks at the right moment and free himself up to make tackles. His brute strength can provide instant interior pressure that frustrates opposing quarterbacks, making them immediately uncomfortable and forcing them to look for an escape route from the pocket. McDonald has smooth feet and solid balance for such a big defender, allowing him to sift through traffic in the trenches without ending up on the ground and out of the play.

WEAKNESSES Something of a one-trick pony as a pass rusher, McDonald brings a ton of power with his bull rushes, but he lacks the explosiveness and technical variance to challenge NFL blockers with a wide range of possible attacks. There are times on tape where you see an explosive first step off the ball, but that will have to become more consistent if McDonald wants to consistently get an immediate advantage when resetting the line of scrimmage at the next level. A lack of ideal length could make it more challenging for McDonald to quickly disengage from longer blockers in the pros.

FINAL ANALYSIS McDonald is a dominant run defender with the size and strength to be a valuable early-down presence for any NFL defense. His lack of elite athleticism and versatility as a pass rusher could limit his ceiling and production, but he's so effective against the run that NFL teams should still value his ability to force opposing offenses into third-and-long situations consistently.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	4	1	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1
2024	16	19	1.5-3	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	1
2025	14	65	9.0-29	3.0-20	2	2-1	0-0	1
Career	34	85	11.0-33	3.0-20	3	2-1	0-0	3

3 LEE HUNTER

COLLEGE: TEXAS TECH
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 330 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Hunter is a dominant anchor in the middle, and his ability to destroy the line of scrimmage was a huge reason why the Red Raiders were one of the nation's best defenses in 2025. A massive mauler at the point of attack, Hunter does all the things you'd expect from an elite prospect as a true nose tackle, commanding double-teams and ripping right through them on his way to the ball carrier. He consistently blows up running plays in the backfield and shows impressive explosiveness and athleticism for his size, providing valuable juice as an interior pass rusher. He can easily throw opposing blockers out of the club if they dare take him on 1-on-1, and he plays with solid effort for all four quarters.

WEAKNESSES Hunter's vertical explosiveness and power give him pleasantly surprising value in the pass rush (7.5 sacks and 12 QB hits in his college career), but his array of moves still needs a ton of development if he wants to maintain that level of success against NFL competition. His first step can be explosive and powerful at times, but his get-off is inconsistent, showing a tendency to pop up high out of his stance and get caught trying to diagnose the backfield instead of quickly forcing his way into the action.

FINAL ANALYSIS It's not easy to find nose tackles with true three-down appeal, but Hunter checks those boxes. He still needs some development in terms of his pass-rush technique and pad-level consistency, but all the physical traits are there for him to be an every-down monster in the middle, and he's got the toughness and motor to set the tone for any defensive front.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	13	17	1.0-7	1.0-7	1	0-0	0-0	0
2023	13	69	11.0-49	3.0-27	2	0-0	0-0	1
2024	12	45	9.5-24	1.0-5	6	0-0	0-0	0
2025	14	41	10.5-27	2.5-15	3	1-0	0-0	0
Career	52	172	32.0-107	7.5-54	12	1-0	0-0	1

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4 CALEB BANKS

COLLEGE: FLORIDA
HEIGHT: 6-6 | WEIGHT: 330 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Banks is the kind of player who tests his opponents' mental toughness the moment he steps off the bus. His massive frame presents a ton of challenges for opposing blockers, and he's got rare movement skills for someone so huge. He's comfortable moving laterally or exploding upfield off the ball, allowing him to burst into the backfield or pursue down the line from the backside. His unique size and physical traits give him scheme versatility, allowing him to attack from a wide range of fronts and alignments. Banks has an impressive motor that shows up on long-developing plays, where he refuses to give up on his pursuit to the ball.

WEAKNESSES There's still some technique work necessary for Banks, who needs to be more consistent with using his length and hands to shed blocks once he's engaged at the point of attack. As is the case with most interior defenders with his height profile, it's a constant challenge for Banks to maintain effective pad level against shorter blockers who come to the fight with a lower center of gravity. For such a physically imposing and impressively athletic player, Banks' production was nearly nonexistent in 2025, after he had flashed big-play potential the year before.

FINAL ANALYSIS He's not a finished product just yet, but with the rare size and physical traits Banks brings to the table, he's got unlimited upside at the next level. If he can be more consistent with his pad level and stack/shed technique, Banks' combination of athletic ability and effort should allow him to make a big impact, and his versatility makes him a strong fit in any NFL scheme.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2021	1	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2022	6	2	1.0-3	1.0-3	0	1-0	0-0	0
2023	12	19	1.5-11	1.0-10	3	0-0	0-0	0
2024	12	21	7.0-39	4.5-28	6	2-1	0-0	1
2025	3	6	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-1	0-0	0
Career	34	48	10.5-55	6.5-41	9	3-2	0-0	1

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5 CHRISTEN MILLER

COLLEGE: GEORGIA
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 310 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS Explosive and powerful, Miller fires off the ball with impressive urgency for a 300-pounder, forcing interior blockers to drop anchor or pay the price. When you combine his quick first step and the strength of his power-packed frame, Miller finds a ton of success driving opponents into the backfield and disrupting the ground game, even when he's not the one getting the tackle in the box score. His lower-body strength and violent hands match with polished technique to give him a pro-ready skill set as a run defender. His high-effort style of play is what every coach wants at every position, and his tape shows plenty of hustle plays and snap-to-snap consistency. Miller's size and skill set also give him alignment and scheme versatility that will be extremely valuable at the next level.

WEAKNESSES Up to this point, Miller's impressive blend of physical traits has yet to translate into meaningful production as a pass rusher. Miller notched four sacks in three seasons for the Bulldogs, and never more than 1.5 in any one year. He can be a dominant run defender on plays that are fairly straightforward, but complex run designs and misdirection plays can leave Miller stuck in the mud, trying to diagnose what's happening instead of being aggressive to the ball. Pad-level inconsistency shows up at times on tape, as Miller can come out of his stance a bit too high, giving up leverage at the point of attack.

FINAL ANALYSIS Miller's lack of pass-rushing production could be a concern, but the physical tools are there for the right coaching staff to unlock another level to his game. His prowess as a run defender gives Miller a high floor as an early-down presence in the NFL, and his scheme/alignment versatility adds to his immediate and long-term value.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	4	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	13	14	4.0-14	1.0-5	0	0-0	0-0	0
2024	12	27	3.5-12	1.5-10	1	0-0	0-0	1
2025	14	23	4.0-12	1.5-9	2	0-0	0-0	0
Career	43	64	11.5-38	4.0-24	3	0-0	0-0	1

6 DOMONIQUE ORANGE

COLLEGE: IOWA STATE
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 325 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS They call him "Big Citrus," and it makes a ton of sense. Orange has an orbit all his own, with a massive frame that demands double-team blocks in the run game, and sometimes that's not even enough to keep him out of the backfield. He fires off the ball with ideal pad level, using active and violent hands to keep blockers away from his body, leaving him free to blow up run plays and get upfield to impact the quarterback. Orange knows how to keep his lower body churning to hold his ground, and he uses his solid frame to disrupt combo-block attempts, preventing interior blockers from getting a clean climb to the second level and freeing up his linebackers to make tackles. Even when blockers are still engaged with him, Orange has the upper-body strength to still bring down the ball carrier by reaching away from the block.

WEAKNESSES Orange offers minimal pass-rushing juice, and his production reflects that, with just one career sack over four seasons. He does an effective job keeping his pads low to increase leverage, but his base can be inconsistent, as he too often fails to keep his feet wide. This leads to coming into the block top-heavy, giving opponents an advantage to tip him over or drive him out of the play. When he creates a clear path into the backfield against the run, Orange tends to overrun the ball carrier instead of breaking down and wrapping up, missing opportunities to create tackles for a loss.

FINAL ANALYSIS A classic two-down run-stuffer in the middle, Orange offers a clear path to success at the next level. He's unlikely to bring much passing-down value at the next level unless he develops a wider skill set as a rusher, but his ability to clog up the middle and shut down the ground game is worth a Day 2 pick on its own. He could be an early-down starter as a rookie.

GRADE 2nd Round

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YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	12	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0
2023	13	16	2.0-4	0.0-0	5	0-0	0-0	0
2024	13	24	4.5-22	1.0-8	3	0-0	0-0	1
2025	12	18	0.5-1	0.0-0	4	0-0	0-0	1
Career	50	66	7.0-27	1.0-8	13	0-0	0-0	2

7 DARRELL JACKSON JR.

COLLEGE: FLORIDA STATE
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 337 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A "first off the bus" player with one of the most imposing frames of any prospect in this class, Jackson is a towering presence in the trenches. His rare combination of size, length and power creates serious matchup problems for interior blockers, and he routinely drives them back off the ball to disrupt whatever's happening in the backfield. He plays with a strong, wide base, and he uses his wingspan to stack and shed opponents on his way to the ball carrier. He has a devastating long-arm move as a pass rusher that can dump interior linemen into the quarterback's lap, and he plays with a constant level of violence, physicality and nonstop effort that wears opponents down over four quarters.

WEAKNESSES He's not the most explosive athlete, and his limited array of pass-rushing moves led to limited production at the college level, with just 7.5 career sacks over four-plus seasons. His taller frame presents constant challenges in terms of maintaining proper pad level, with most interior blockers having a consistent leverage advantage due to a lower center of gravity. Double-team blocks can get under his pads and drive him away from the ball, and he lacks the counterattack ability to recover once he's washed out of his gap.

FINAL ANALYSIS There's pass-rushing upside here, but Jackson needs to develop more than his go-to power moves if he wants to expand his skill set beyond an early-down role at the next level. Even if he's not able to grow that area of his game, though, Jackson's run-stuffing prowess is still worth an early-round pick, and his rare size/power combo will be a valuable asset for any NFL defense.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2021	13	22	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2022	12	27	4.5-10	3.0-8	0	0-0	0-0	1
2023	1	3	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2024	12	32	4.0-23	3.5-23	4	1-0	0-0	1
2025	12	45	3.0-8	1.0-4	1	0-0	0-0	0
Career	50	129	12.0-42	7.5-35	5	1-0	0-0	2

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8 DONTAY CORLEONE

COLLEGE: CINCINNATI
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 335 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS An impressive athlete for his size, Corleone has an explosive first step that can shock interior blockers, especially when combined with the power that comes with his stout frame. He uses his low center of gravity to consistently win the leverage battle with low pad level, driving blockers back into the backfield and disrupting the ball carrier's path before he even gets going. His hands are violent at the point of attack, making it difficult for linemen to latch onto his frame and redirect him away from the play. Corleone is a high-motor defender who never stops churning at full tilt, and he can attack from multiple alignments to maximize matchups.

WEAKNESSES The biggest concern for Corleone isn't football-related; tests discovered blood clots in his lungs during summer workouts in 2024, though he was cleared to return later that year and played the majority of the season for the Bearcats. His pass-rushing production disappeared in 2025, as Corleone was shut out in the sack department after tallying 9.5 over the previous three seasons. He would benefit from developing a wider range of moves beyond the bull rush he typically relies on.

FINAL ANALYSIS Nicknamed "The Godfather," Corleone is certainly a defender you don't want to cross. His explosive first step and power-packed frame give him a ton of value as an early-down run defender, and there's room for him to grow as an interior pass rusher. If he can stay healthy, Corleone's physical traits and nonstop motor should get him on the field early and often.

GRADE 3rd Round

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YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	11	45	5.5-23	3.0-18	3	2-2	0-0	0
2023	12	39	6.5-32	3.0-24	2	1-0	0-0	1
2024	11	26	5.0-21	3.5-19	4	0-0	0-0	0
2025	10	13	0.0-0	0.0-0	2	0-0	0-0	0
Career	44	123	17.0-76	9.5-61	11	3-2	0-0	1

9 TIM KEENAN III

COLLEGE: ALABAMA
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 320 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A classic space-eater in the middle of the defensive front, Keenan is the immovable object against the run; a "ROAD CLOSED" sign in human form. His power-packed frame comes with natural leverage, as Keenan keeps his pads low and forces opposing blockers to work overtime if they want to get underneath him to move him out of the way. He has the brute strength to make tackles even when he's otherwise engaged with linemen, and his combination of mass and anchoring ability makes combo blocks a massive struggle, keeping his linebackers freed up to make tackles in the backfield and at the second level. Keenan is a smart defender who maintains gap integrity and sets a physical tone for the entire defense.

WEAKNESSES Keenan doesn't bring much upside as a pass rusher (just 5.5 career sacks across four seasons), lacking the explosiveness and athleticism to challenge blockers vertically, as well as the refined moves to win consistently on his way to the quarterback. He can be dominant in tight spaces, but Keenan doesn't show the range to pursue plays for long periods of time. Playing a ton of snaps at the NFL level will test his conditioning, and he'll have to prove he can maintain a high level of effort across all four quarters. He missed the early part of the 2025 season following ankle surgery, so durability will be worth monitoring.

FINAL ANALYSIS Even if he doesn't have the pass-rushing skill set to stay on the field for third-down situations, Keenan's ability to command double-team blocks and clog up the interior against the run is still worthy of a Day 2 selection. If he can maintain his motor consistently, and stay healthy, Keenan could have a long career as an early-down starter.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	2	1	0.5-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	14	38	1.5-7	1.0-6	7	0-0	0-0	1
2024	13	40	7.5-26	2.5-16	2	0-0	0-0	1
2025	12	16	3.0-19	2.0-18	1	1-2	0-0	1
Career	41	95	12.5-52	5.5-40	10	1-2	0-0	3

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10 ZANE DURANT

COLLEGE: PENN STATE
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 287 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A rare athlete for the position, Durant displays explosiveness off the ball that creates immediate problems for interior blockers who aren't used to that kind of burst. He uses his undersized frame to his advantage at the point of attack, maximizing natural leverage and rarely losing the pad-level battle. He's a disruptive force against the run, knifing into the backfield before his opponent is even out of his stance, forcing him to scramble to keep Durant away from the ball carrier. He matches vertical explosion with impressive lateral quickness and has the versatility to attack from multiple alignments. Durant is a hustle player who uses his speed and athleticism to chase down plays all over the field, and he shows a surprising amount of power for his size.

WEAKNESSES Durant's smaller frame does have its drawbacks, as double-team blocks can easily wash him out of the play, no matter how hard he tries to maintain his anchor. His lack of ideal length and inconsistent hand usage make it a challenge for him to stack and shed against more polished opponents with bigger wingspans who can keep him away from their bodies and make him pay for punches that don't land accurately. His explosiveness can be a detriment at times, as Durant can fly upfield so quickly that he doesn't give himself time to diagnose where the ball is going and break down to make the tackle.

FINAL ANALYSIS Not every undersized but explosive interior defender can be the next Aaron Donald, but that doesn't mean Durant can't be a valuable playmaker at the next level. He uses his physical tools to his advantage, and though he'll always struggle with certain aspects of playing inside, just a little more polish and improved awareness could still make him a disruptive three-down player in the NFL.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	13	5	1.0-8	1.0-8	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	13	17	5.5-28	2.0-17	1	0-1	0-0	0
2024	16	42	11.0-50	3.0-27	4	0-0	0-0	1
2025	12	25	4.5-20	4.0-19	1	0-0	1-14	2
Career	54	89	22.0-106	10.0-71	6	0-1	1-14	3

11 ZXAVIAN HARRIS

COLLEGE: OLE MISS
HEIGHT: 6-8 | WEIGHT: 330 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A mountain of an interior defender, Harris brings rare size and physical tools to the position, and he can overwhelm smaller blockers with his strength. His ridiculous wingspan allows him to keep opposing blockers away from his chest, driving them back into the backfield with pure strength and length. He's an impressive overall athlete for his size, and he moved all around the defensive front in college, showing alignment versatility that will be valuable to NFL defensive coordinators. An underrated special-teams weapon, Harris has used his towering stature to block multiple kicks, keeping critical points off the board for the opposing team.

WEAKNESSES Harris was arrested on a DUI charge in 2023, and then again in 2024 on a domestic violence charge. As a player, Harris struggles with consistency in terms of his motor and technique, missing too many tackles because of an inability to break down and wrap up. His tall frame makes it difficult for him to keep his pads down and maintain leverage at the point of attack, and his impressive physical traits never translated to pass-rushing production (just 5.5 career sacks in four seasons).

FINAL ANALYSIS The unique skill set and physical tools Harris brings to the table are sure to intrigue NFL teams that want to add power to their defensive front and would love to have a kick-blocker with Harris' size and track record of success. He still needs a ton of refinement from a technical standpoint, though, and it'll take some time and patience to get him to consistently maximize his tools.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	13	3	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	11	30	3.5-12	1.0-7	3	0-0	0-0	0
2024	13	32	4.5-17	1.5-10	2	1-0	0-0	0
2025	15	58	9.0-26	3.0-15	7	0-0	1-1	3
Career	52	123	17.5-56	5.5-32	12	1-0	1-1	3

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12 DeMONTE CAPEHART

COLLEGE: CLEMSON

HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 315 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A powerful run defender with impressive size and strength, Capehart can plug up multiple gaps and force the ground game to find a detour elsewhere. He uses his big frame and ideal length to maintain constant control throughout every rep, showing heavy and destructive hands to shed blocks at the right moment to free himself up for the tackle. He's got surprising athleticism for his size, getting upfield quickly when he finds a crease between blockers, and showing solid effort to chase down plays from behind. There's bull-rush potential here, as Capehart clearly has the strength to drive interior blockers back into the pocket, and he has the athletic ability to grow into a more complete player with better pass-rushing technique.

WEAKNESSES Speaking of that pass-rushing technique, Capehart is still fairly generic in his approach, relying on basic power moves to get to the quarterback. He has the athleticism and explosiveness to vary his rush approach, but he'll need a position coach who can add more moves to his arsenal and teach him to maximize those physical traits with a calculated and refined plan. As is the case for most taller defensive line prospects, Capehart needs to be more consistent when it comes to keeping his pads low and maintaining leverage from snap to whistle.

FINAL ANALYSIS Capehart could unlock another level to his game if he learns how to expand his pass-rushing moves to take full advantage of his physical tools, but even if that doesn't happen right away, his run-stuffing chops will be enough to get him on the field on early downs. He should make an immediate impact as a rotational player and could quickly become a two-down starter in the right spot.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2020	4	3	2.0-7	1.0-6	0	0-0	0-0	0
2021	5	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2022	13	12	2.0-6	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	12	15	5.0-18	1.0-8	4	1-0	0-0	1
2024	11	21	1.5-3	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	2
2025	12	21	3.0-12	1.0-9	2	0-0	0-0	2
Career	57	72	13.5-46	3.0-23	7	1-0	0-0	5

13 CAMERON BALL

COLLEGE: ARKANSAS

HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 323 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A stout presence against the run, Ball possesses a big frame and brute strength that give him a strong foundation as an early-down impact player who eats up space and requires more than one blocker to keep him out of the way. He uses his hands extremely well at the point of attack, landing powerful initial strikes to gain immediate ground against his opponent, setting him back and forcing ball carriers to adjust their path. He plays with consistent effort on every snap, and his size forces quarterbacks to account for his presence in passing lanes to avoid batted passes at the line of scrimmage.

WEAKNESSES While he can generate a push up the middle that can force opposing quarterbacks to bail on the pocket, Ball hasn't been able to produce much in terms of numbers as a pass rusher, with just three career sacks over four-plus seasons. He lacks the athleticism and explosiveness to fire into the backfield for quick disruption, proving to be more of an obstacle in the run game than a dynamic playmaker who can provide splash plays. Pad level is always a concern with taller interior defenders, and Ball is no exception.

FINAL ANALYSIS The tape shows a talented early-down run defender who can hold his own against double-teams and redirect plays with his presence in the middle, and his performance during Senior Bowl practices backs that up. He doesn't bring much production as a pass rusher, but he's got developmental tools that could make an impact on passing downs with the right coaching staff.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2021	2	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0
2022	13	31	2.5-7	1.0-4	1	1-0	0-0	0
2023	11	32	1.5-2	0.5-0	0	1-0	0-0	0
2024	13	47	4.0-18	1.5-9	2	0-1	0-0	0
2025	11	27	4.5-17	0.0-0	6	0-0	0-0	0
Career	50	138	12.5-44	3.0-13	10	2-1	0-0	0

14 GRACEN HALTON

COLLEGE: OKLAHOMA STATE

HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 292 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Halton comes off the ball with an explosive first step that can be startling, putting his opponent on his heels and forcing him to abandon any initial plan for stopping him in favor of just slowing him down. He plays with impressive quickness and lateral agility, which allows him to mirror and track ball carriers down the line, and his nonstop motor leads to plenty of hustle tackles and pressures. He's got powerful hands and knows how to stay in his lanes as a pass rusher without getting too deep and letting the quarterback step up into open grass. He can move around to different spots along the defensive front, and he has a knack for creating big plays.

WEAKNESSES A lack of ideal size leaves Halton in trouble against bigger, stronger blockers who can control him at the point of attack, and double-teams can easily take him out of the play. He's got plenty of juice as a pass rusher, but he's too reliant on his explosiveness and needs to develop a wider range of moves that can keep offensive linemen guessing instead of just waiting for his go-to. He has a natural pad level advantage, but Halton needs to improve his hand usage and upper-body technique to fully maximize it on a consistent basis.

FINAL ANALYSIS Despite his undersized frame, Halton brings intriguing upside as a pass-rushing specialist with versatility and explosiveness. His relentless motor will earn him plenty of fans in front offices around the league, and he could be even more dangerous as a passing-down weapon if he develops a more varied plan.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	10	10	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	11	11	3.5-9	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0
2024	13	30	6.0-47	5.0-42	3	2-1	0-0	0
2025	13	33	7.0-44	3.5-23	7	1-1	0-0	2
Career	47	84	17.5-103	8.5-65	11	3-2	0-0	2

15 SKYLER GILL-HOWARD

COLLEGE: TEXAS TECH
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 290 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS He may be undersized, but Gill-Howard makes the most of the advantages that his smaller frame gives him. He's got a wicked first step, exploding into his gaps and challenging even the most athletic interior blockers to match his speed. That kind of get-off makes him a disruptive run defender as well, as he can slice into the backfield right away to blow up plays before they even start. He's a smart defender who diagnoses run concepts quickly and understands gap integrity, ensuring that he's rarely out of position. His toughness and competitive fire show through with a nonstop motor that's always operating at full speed, and he's got the versatility to play from multiple alignments. The low man wins, and that's usually Gill-Howard, who uses his natural leverage to stay under his opponent and maintain a solid anchor.

WEAKNESSES Gill-Howard's usage at the next level could be limited by his lack of size, which makes him a target for double-team blocks and powerful interior blockers who can wash him out of the way. He needs to refine his tackling technique against ball carriers in the backfield, and he's a pure speed rusher who doesn't bring a ton of power moves. He missed a significant portion of the 2025 season following ankle surgery, so durability could be a question mark.

FINAL ANALYSIS His injury last year was disappointing, but Gill-Howard showed enough flashes of potential that teams should be intrigued by his explosiveness and pass-rushing value. If he's able to stay healthy at the next level, he should be able to earn a rotational role as a passing-down specialist who can get after the quarterback with speed up the middle.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2021	4	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	13	24	4.0-4	1.0-1	1	0-1	0-0	1
2024	12	51	8.0-35	5.0-30	4	0-0	0-0	0
2025	6	13	2.5-7	0.5-3	6	0-0	1-55	1
Career	35	91	14.5-46	6.5-34	11	0-1	1-55	2

16 ALBERT REGIS

COLLEGE: TEXAS A&M
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 317 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Good luck trying to push this guy around in the run game. Regis has a powerful frame that's built lower to the ground than most interior defenders, and it's nearly impossible to drive him off his spot, even using double-team blocks. He understands gap responsibilities at an advanced level, and he plays with relentless effort that sets the tone for the entire defense. Regis possesses powerful, active hands that make life miserable for offensive linemen who try to control his upper body, and his high football IQ makes him effective at pre-snap changes and post-snap reactions to put himself and his teammates in the best position to make plays. He can line up at multiple spots along the interior and provides a reliable anchor that clogs up inside running lanes.

WEAKNESSES Regis brings limited pass-rushing value, with his impact on the opposing quarterback being relegated to bull rushes that are inconsistent in terms of their success. He lacks a carefully planned series of moves as a rusher, simply relying on his brute strength to collapse the pocket or force the quarterback to bail to the outside. He needs to be more balanced at the point of attack instead of reaching to engage blockers, and he lacks the first-step quickness to challenge offensive linemen immediately off the snap.

FINAL ANALYSIS The path to NFL success is clear for Regis, who has the size and strength to be a classic space-eater who can stuff the run on early downs. He's unlikely to make an impact in passing situations with his lack of rushing prowess, but there's still a place in the league for huge, powerful interior defenders who can dominate against the run.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2021	2	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2022	11	16	2.5-4	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	1
2023	12	15	2.5-5	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0
2024	13	36	3.0-9	0.5-2	2	0-0	0-0	6
2025	13	49	3.0-17	2.0-16	2	1-0	0-0	3
Career	51	116	11.0-35	3.5-19	5	1-0	0-0	10

17 CHRIS McCLELLAN

COLLEGE: MISSOURI
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 323 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS McClellan is a well-rounded defender with intriguing upside whose size gives him a unique advantage as both a run defender and a pass rusher. He's physical at the point of attack, using active hands and a relentless motor to work through contact, and his awareness and technique as a tackler ensure that ball carriers rarely get away once they're in his grasp. He's got an explosive first step, and his surprising quickness makes him a challenge when he's rushing the quarterback from the inside. He plays with polish and intelligence that should make his transition to the NFL that much easier.

WEAKNESSES McClellan's pass-rushing production exploded this past year (six of his 10.5 career sacks), but he'll have to prove he wasn't just a one-year wonder in that department. He's willing to try out different moves to get to the quarterback, but he's still learning how to win with them, and he typically falls back on pure quickness and power to beat his man. McClellan can struggle with his pad level from time to time, popping up out of his stance at the snap and losing the leverage battle right away.

FINAL ANALYSIS The physical tools and talent are there for McClellan to develop into an every-down player in the NFL, but there's still a ton of work needed to make him starter material. Until then, he should still be a valuable depth piece who can rotate in for any situation, and the right coaching staff could eventually turn him into a productive pro.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	13	23	2.5-6	1.5-4	1	0-1	0-0	0
2023	12	23	1.0-1	0.5-1	1	0-0	0-0	0
2024	13	39	5.5-26	2.5-15	3	1-0	0-0	2
2025	13	48	8.0-47	6.0-40	6	0-0	0-0	2
Career	51	133	17.0-80	10.5-60	11	1-1	0-0	4

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NICK BARRETT

COLLEGE: SOUTH CAROLINA

HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 327 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A powerful defender with heavy hands and surprising quickness, Barrett anchors well against the run and shows the athleticism to track down runners in pursuit when they try to bounce outside. He's got a decent first step off the ball and plays behind his pads to drive blockers off their spot, disengaging with effective timing to be ready to make the tackle. He didn't flash much as a pass rusher on tape, but he showed some vertical explosiveness and a wider range of moves during Senior Bowl practices than we saw during the season. His frame should give him the ability to play from multiple alignments at the next level, and that versatility is always valuable.

WEAKNESSES Barrett is still a work in progress as an interior pass rusher, with zero sacks in his first four college seasons before notching two last season for the Gamecocks. He still needs a ton of refinement in that area of his game, from using his violent hands to win early in the rep and gain leverage, to developing more polished initial moves and counterattacks to set up easier paths to the quarterback. He can sometimes reach at the snap instead of bringing his lower body in concert with his upper body, leading to lunges and balance issues that NFL blockers will easily exploit.

FINAL ANALYSIS His early-down potential is obvious thanks to his big frame and powerful anchor, but Barrett has a chance to open up another level to his game if he can develop a more complete skill set as a pass rusher. He should make an immediate impact in a defensive line rotation that needs help on early downs while growing into a more complete player who can stay on the field in passing situations.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2021	9	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2022	13	14	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	1-(-5)	1
2023	12	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1
2024	5	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2025	12	42	6.0-14	2.0-8	3	0-1	0-0	1
Career	51	72	6.0-14	2.0-8	4	0-1	1-(-5)	3

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AARON GRAVES

COLLEGE: IOWA

HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 295 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A versatile presence along the defensive line, Graves can line up all over the place and make plays against both the run and pass. His height and length allow him to obscure passing lanes and knock down throws at the line of scrimmage, and he uses powerful hands and awareness to read running plays and take efficient angles to the ball while keeping himself disengaged from his blocker. He can push the pocket from the inside with power as a pass rusher, and he shows the relentless effort to chase down quarterbacks who have escaped, as well as running backs headed to the perimeter. He generates a ton of power in his lower body for a taller interior lineman, and he anchors consistently in the run game.

WEAKNESSES Graves isn't terribly explosive off the snap and doesn't play with the suddenness or athleticism to consistently beat opponents with quick movements. He's more reliant on pure power and leverage to get his wins as a pass rusher, and he needs to develop a wider range of moves to counter different types of approaches from opposing blockers. He often plays with his pads too high, and he needs to be more consistent with maintaining a wide base that forces him to get better leverage.

FINAL ANALYSIS There are some intriguing tools to work with here, but Graves might find himself in tweener territory with his size and skill set. The glass-half-full version? Graves has an NFL-ready frame and some pass-rushing promise that just needs time and coaching to unlock. At worst, he should earn a roster spot as a reliable reserve who can also make an impact as a core special-teamer.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	12	15	6.0-27	3.0-16	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	14	37	4.5-26	2.5-13	0	1-0	0-0	1
2024	13	33	8.0-31	6.0-26	2	3-0	0-0	3
2025	13	37	6.5-40	5.0-36	3	0-0	1-35	1
Career	52	122	25.0-124	16.5-91	5	4-0	1-35	5

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LANDON ROBINSON

COLLEGE: NAVY

HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 287 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Lightning-quick off the ball, Robinson fires off with a ton of juice, and he possesses the ability to attack vertically or laterally with a high rate of success. His explosiveness is a massive challenge for any interior blocker, and he uses his undersized frame to his advantage, forcing opponents to take the elevator down to his level if they want to chase leverage. His hands are active and violent at the point of attack, keeping him free to chase down ball carriers with a motor that never stops running hot. A ridiculous athlete, Robinson displayed playmaking ability that extended to special teams at Navy, where he routinely converted fake punts with the ball in his hands.

WEAKNESSES There's not much precedent for a player of Robinson's size finding long-term success in the NFL. He does his best to mitigate his physical shortcomings and maximize the ways in which they can give him an advantage, but that will be a far more difficult task against pro competition than it was in the college ranks. When he doesn't immediately win with quickness right off the snap, Robinson can get driven out of the play and ridden around the ball carrier, since he lacks the power to challenge blockers with a better anchor.

FINAL ANALYSIS The upside is intriguing with Robinson, who shows flashes of disruptive potential against both the run and pass. He faces a tall task to prove he can hang at the pro level at his size, but his upside is worth taking a chance on in the later rounds in hopes he can be a valuable situational player who can make the most of limited snaps.

GRADE 7th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	12	28	4.5-11	4.0-11	1	0-0	0-0	0
2024	13	61	5.5-28	4.0-26	7	2-0	0-0	0
2025	13	64	8.5-46	6.5-41	7	0-1	0-0	0
Career	38	153	18.5-85	14.5-78	15	2-1	0-0	0

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LB

1 SONNY STYLES

COLLEGE: OHIO STATE
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 243 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS This guy is the total package. Styles brings rare size for an off-ball linebacker, with athleticism and range that allow him to fly around the field and make big plays against both the run and pass. He uses his impressive wingspan to shut down passing lanes in coverage and keep offensive linemen from getting into his chest in the run game, and he's too quick for most blockers to lock on to and drive out of the play. He shows elite instincts and intelligence, quickly diagnosing plays and staying one step ahead of the ball carrier, arriving with attitude and making the runner think twice about coming his way again. He can line up all over the defense, giving him true three-down value with the ability to get after the quarterback in blitz packages or when rolled down to the line of scrimmage as an edge defender. An unquestioned leader, Styles brings valuable intangible qualities to the table.

WEAKNESSES Styles' height can work against him at times, challenging his ability to consistently keep his pads low when taking on blocks or breaking down to make tackles in space. He can be a little stiff in man coverage if forced to carry his assignment through complex routes or for long periods of time. He's got a knack for flying to the ball and making big plays, but his aggressive playing style can backfire when he overruns a cutback lane or gets sucked into the box by a play-action fake. A converted safety, Styles is still polishing the intricacies of the linebacker position.

FINAL ANALYSIS He's still getting comfortable at the position, but Styles' combination of physical gifts and mental prowess doesn't come around often at the linebacker spot. If he continues to refine his skill set with more experience and a strong coaching staff, he's got all the traits to become an All-Pro who can put up huge numbers and transform an entire defense with his performance and leadership.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	10	9	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	13	53	4.5-13	2.0-6	0	1-0	0-0	1
2024	16	100	10.5-59	6.0-50	0	1-1	0-0	5
2025	14	82	6.5-17	1.0-4	4	1-0	1-5	3
Career	53	244	22.5-91	9.0-60	4	3-1	1-5	9

2 CJ ALLEN

COLLEGE: GEORGIA
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 235 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS An absolute enforcer at the heart of the Bulldogs' defense, Allen has an ideal blend of speed and physicality that makes him a dynamic playmaker. He flies to the ball when working downhill, arriving at the ball carrier like a lightning bolt and packing a punch when he gets there. He's got an NFL-ready frame and the strength to bring down runners on first contact as well as work through opposing blockers on his way to the ball. He uses his hands effectively to disengage from blocks and free himself up to make tackles, and his speed gives him limitless range as a sideline-to-sideline defender. Allen's impressive physical traits are matched by a high football IQ and instincts that allow him to sniff out plays before they even get rolling, leading to big plays behind the line of scrimmage and frustration for the opposing offense.

WEAKNESSES Allen's fluidity when changing direction can be inconsistent at times, which can leave him a step behind the play, especially when his aggressive style of play leads him to overpursue on misdirection plays and cutbacks. When forced to match up with tight ends in man coverage down the field, it's clear Allen prefers to keep everything in front of him and play downhill instead of turning and running vertically as a pass defender.

FINAL ANALYSIS So many important boxes are checked here, as Allen's combination of size, speed, intelligence and physicality should make for a swift and effective transition to the NFL game. There are some limitations in coverage, and his consistency will need to improve when making quick direction changes laterally, but there's no reason why Allen can't smooth those things over with time, developing into a three-down starter with Pro Bowl potential.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	14	41	2.5-8	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	2
2024	14	76	3.0-5	0.0-0	5	0-0	1-8	4
2025	13	88	8.0-22	3.5-15	2	2-1	0-0	4
Career	41	205	13.5-35	4.5-22	7	2-1	1-8	10

3 ANTHONY HILL JR.

COLLEGE: TEXAS
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 238 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS An impressive athlete with sideline-to-sideline range, Hill has a fantastic combination of size and movement skills that allows him to get to the ball quickly in any direction. His intelligence and instincts enable him to read and react, flying downhill in a hurry and sniffing out plays before they get going. He uses his size to deliver crushing blows that can separate the ball from the opponent, leading to takeaway opportunities for the defense. Hill's football IQ serves him well in coverage, understanding short and intermediate route concepts and showing the spatial awareness to handle zone responsibilities. He's a valuable weapon as an extra rusher when asked to blitz, showing surprising pass-rushing technique with effective hand usage and understanding of leverage and angles to get to the quarterback.

WEAKNESSES Hill relies too much on athleticism to overcome a lack of polished technique. If he's not able to run around blockers or beat them to the punch, Hill can get swallowed up, proving he's still learning how to maximize his size as a run defender at the point of attack. Explosive running backs and tight ends can stress his ability to flip his hips and stay connected in man coverage, and sharp route-runners can create separation by challenging his footwork. He can create highlight-reel plays when flying downhill, but it leaves him susceptible to overpursuit and creates voids against play-action passes.

FINAL ANALYSIS His technique needs some refinement, but Hill brings physical tools you just can't teach, and his combination of smarts and playmaking instincts gives him a high ceiling if he can find the right coaching staff to smooth out the rough edges. There's Pro Bowl potential for a three-down defender with Hill's combination of athletic ability and mental prowess.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	14	67	8-31	5.0-27	4	1-0	0-2	0
2023	16	113	16.5-62	8.0-44	4	4-1	1-32	1
2024	10	69	7.0-31	4.0-25	5	3-1	2-3	1
Career	40	249	31.5-124	17.0-96	13	8-2	3-35	4

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4 JACOB RODRIGUEZ

COLLEGE: TEXAS TECH
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 235 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A natural playmaker who always manages to find the ball, Rodriguez makes splash plays that can quickly change momentum. His background as a high school quarterback shines through in the way he understands offensive concepts, and he has the range to make sure his body lines up with his mind. He plays with his hair on fire, bringing a ton of physicality and effort to every rep and arriving at the ball carrier with violence. He brings that same energy and playmaking ability when he gets after the quarterback, beating running backs at the point of attack and surprising offensive linemen with his strength. He's got powerful hands in the run game, with the ability to shed blocks and get free to make tackles.

WEAKNESSES Rodriguez needs to clean up his technique as a tackler, as his penchant for trying to land the big hit can lead to ball carriers bouncing off contact or escaping what should be a simple stop. His limitations from a speed and athleticism standpoint show up when trying to pursue faster backs to the corner, and the same struggles are evident in man coverage against backs and tight ends. His gap discipline can be inconsistent at times, as his attempts to chase big plays can betray his fundamentals.

FINAL ANALYSIS He's got some clear athletic limitations that will only be more evident against NFL competition, but you can't argue with the production and his knack for making big plays when the ball gets anywhere near him. Throw in his energy, effort and leadership skills, and you've got a recipe for a valuable defender who could be a successful starter.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2021	12	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2022	12	29	3.0-7	0.0-0	3	1-0	0-0	0
2023	5	32	1.0-1	0.0-0	1	2-1	1-0	2
2024	13	127	10.5-63	5.0-42	5	3-2	1-9	4
2025	14	128	11.0-26	1.0-9	1	7-2	4-41	6
Career	56	317	25.5-97	6.0-51	10	13-5	6-50	12

5 JOSIAH TROTTER

COLLEGE: MISSOURI
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 237 | AGE: 20

STRENGTHS Trotter's speed and physicality are obvious as soon as you turn on the tape, and his mental processing and playmaking instincts make him look even faster. He makes quick reads and triggers downhill immediately, and he brings a ton of pop in his hands and upper body when he takes on blocks, often knocking offensive linemen back on first contact despite their size advantage. When asked to spy mobile quarterbacks, Trotter has a great feel for when to click and close at the opportune moment, taking the right angles to the passer at warp speed to force throwaways or tackles for a loss. He shows impressive contact balance to dip under block attempts and still stay on his feet, a trait that also pops up when he's rushing the passer in blitz packages, allowing him to beat running backs in protection on his way to the passer.

WEAKNESSES Trotter is simply not as comfortable drifting and settling in zone coverage or flipping his hips to run with backs and tight ends in man coverage. Shifty running backs can stress him on angle and choice routes underneath or wheel routes down the field, and tight ends can do the same when they force him to turn and run up the seams. He's still learning how to quickly recognize route concepts and get to his landmarks before the receiver has a chance to catch the ball and get upfield.

FINAL ANALYSIS It's not easy to find linebackers who bring size, speed, power and smarts all at once. Trotter still has a ton of room to grow, but that should be viewed as a positive when looking at everything he does so well already. With some improvement in coverage, there's no reason why Trotter can't develop into a quality starter who can stay on the field on all three downs.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2024	12	92	4.0-9	0.5-4	5	0-0	1-0	2
2025	12	84	13.0-41	2.0-8	7	0-0	0-0	1
Career	24	176	17.0-50	2.5-12	12	0-0	1-0	3

6 JAKE GOLDAY

COLLEGE: CINCINNATI
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 240 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Golday jumps off the tape with his ability to cover ground in a hurry and pack a punch once he arrives at the ball. He shows impressive range when chasing plays from sideline to sideline, closing on the ball-carrier with effective angles and displaying strong tackling technique to limit yards after contact. Golday started his career as a defensive end, and that experience in the trenches shows up when he's asked to blitz from the second level, with the hand usage and pass-rushing moves you won't find with every off-ball linebacker. He plays with a ton of energy and nonstop effort, maintaining his high level of play throughout the entire game without any drop-off.

WEAKNESSES Despite his impressive frame for the position, Golday is still learning how to maximize his physical tools. He doesn't consistently show the strength and power to shed blockers who climb to the second level and get engaged, and his somewhat high-cut frame makes it difficult for him to get proper leg drive to hold his base and not give up ground. In coverage, Golday still looks uncomfortable in space far too often, getting his eyes locked in the backfield and losing awareness of his drop landmarks and match responsibilities when routes come his way. Despite his speed and athleticism when moving downhill, Golday's processing skills find him just a beat behind the play at times.

FINAL ANALYSIS Golday's size and speed are an intriguing foundation, and every NFL team will love his effort and energy. He's still learning the finer points of the position, though, and there are technical improvements and physical developments he still needs before he's ready to be a reliable starter at the next level. Patience and the right coaching could get him there eventually, and he'll have special teams value in the meantime.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2021	5	5	0.5-4	0.5-4	0	0-0	0-0	0
2022	11	37	5.5-13	1.0-6	0	1-0	0-0	0
2023	11	84	7.0-51	4.5-42	5	1-2	0-0	0
2024	12	58	7.0-32	1.5-14	0	2-1	0-0	2
2025	12	105	6.0-36	3.5-22	2	1-0	0-0	3
Career	51	289	26.0-136	11.0-88	7	5-3	0-0	5

7
DEONTAE LAWSON

COLLEGE: ALABAMA
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 228 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Lawson's best trait sits between his ears. He's got an advanced degree in diagnosing opposing offenses, beating them to the punch with a consistency that reflects a high football IQ and elite preparation. He's a hard-hitting presence at the second level, delivering big blows on the ball carrier that can create takeaways. He flows downhill effectively when tracking run plays, routinely challenging blockers to beat him to the spot or pay the price. He shows impressive awareness in zone coverage, with a strong feel for routes and timing that puts him in position to shut down passing lanes. Lawson also brings some added juice as an extra rusher in blitz packages, and he uses his hands effectively to beat protection attempts from running backs. He's a valuable leader who can set the tone for the entire team.

WEAKNESSES The biggest question will be durability, given Lawson's injury history and his physical style of play with a somewhat lean frame. He'll have to prove he can maintain his physicality and effectiveness without sustaining more major injuries. His fluidity in space can be challenged by more explosive and elusive ball carriers, and his straight-line speed is adequate at best when pursuing sideline to sideline. When blockers are able to lock on and control him in the run game, he can struggle to shed consistently without moving himself out of the play.

FINAL ANALYSIS Lawson has the physical and mental tools to support NFL success, but his health will determine how long that success lasts. His smarts and intangibles will ensure a high floor at the next level, and in the right situation, he could prove to be a successful starter if he stays healthy.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2021	4	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2022	11	51	2.5-7	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	4
2023	11	67	5.5-26	3.0-21	4	0-0	0-0	4
2024	11	76	6.5-30	2.0-21	0	1-1	1-0	4
2025	15	89	4.5-9	1.5-4	1	2-2	0-0	4
Career	52	283	19.0-72	6.5-46	5	3-3	1-0	16

8
TAUREAN YORK

COLLEGE: TEXAS A&M
HEIGHT: 5-10 | WEIGHT: 227 | AGE: 20

STRENGTHS A sure tackler with an impressive mind for the game, York displays sound technique and an ability to quickly decipher, a combination that makes him a valuable second-level defender. He displays impressive range and athleticism against the run, sniffing out plays before they start and beating slower blockers to their landmarks, using his undersized frame and quickness to his advantage. York belies a lack of size with a physical style, unafraid of contact and willing to lay the lumber when he gets the chance. He's a valuable weapon as a blitzer against both the run and pass, blowing up plays in the backfield and putting stress on the quarterback as an extra rusher. Despite being a younger prospect, York shows a high-level understanding of schemes and can be trusted with the "green dot" responsibilities.

WEAKNESSES York has an extremely short frame for the position, and it makes life difficult when bigger blockers climb to the second level and wash him out of the play if he's not able to dive around them. When tasked with man coverage against tight ends, York can struggle to match their size and physicality, and power backs can be difficult for him to bring down without a little help from his teammates. He can get ahead of himself at times against the run, overrunning plays and leaving open cutback lanes when he doesn't break down in the hole.

FINAL ANALYSIS He's an outlier from a measurable standpoint, but York played above his weight class in the SEC, and you can bet he'll be motivated to prove the doubters wrong yet again at the NFL level. Those size limitations will always be a challenge for him to overcome, but his athleticism and intelligence will always be valued on defense and special teams alike, and his consistency as a tackler should get him on the field in both phases.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	13	74	8.5-19	3.0-12	5	1-0	0-0	0
2024	13	82	9.5-31	2.5-13	2	0-1	1-0	4
2025	13	73	7.5-21	1.0-7	5	0-1	0-0	3
Career	39	229	25.5-71	6.5-32	12	1-2	1-0	7

9
HAROLD PERKINS JR.

COLLEGE: LSU
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 222 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS An impressive athlete with speed to burn, Perkins can fly around the field and find the ball in a hurry. A versatile defender who lined up all over the place for the Bayou Bengals, Perkins can fly downhill and blow up the run, and he's fast enough to carry backs and tight ends downfield in man coverage. He's got sideline-to-sideline range that allows him to chase down any play from any direction, and his time spent lining up on the edge gives him a ton of potential as a blitz package weapon. He's fluid and opportunistic in coverage, getting his hands on the ball when it comes his way and closing quickly in zone coverage to limit yards after the catch. Perkins is a high-motor player who brings a ton of energy, and he can sniff out screen plays before they develop.

WEAKNESSES Perkins is an undersized prospect with a lean frame that is likely to get exposed at the next level, both in coverage and against the run. Offensive linemen will engulf him at the point of attack in the run game and drive him out of the play, and big, athletic tight ends will challenge his ability to stick in coverage and break up contested catches. There could be some durability concerns after Perkins missed most of the 2024 season with a torn ACL.

FINAL ANALYSIS A 5-star recruit coming out of high school, Perkins has all the athleticism and playmaking ability you'd expect from that kind of raw talent, and his level of energy and effort will always be valued in the NFL. But after taking a while to find the right position fit in college, Perkins could face a similar issue in the NFL, where his size and skill set make it difficult for teams to find him a full-time starting role that makes sense.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	14	72	13.0-75	7.5-59	14	4-0	1-(-3)	2
2023	13	75	13.0-54	5.5-38	7	3-0	1-0	5
2024	4	17	1.5-2	0.0-0	0	0-1	0-0	0
2025	12	56	8.0-50	4.0-45	7	1-1	3-50	3
Career	43	220	35.5-181	17.0-142	28	8-2	5-47	10

10 AIDEN FISHER

COLLEGE: INDIANA
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 231 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A human supercomputer, Fisher shows a football IQ and processing ability that are off the charts, as he frustrates his opponents with his ability to know what's coming before the snap. He's got the instincts and spatial awareness to make plays in every direction, flowing downhill to stuff the run and dropping into passing lanes to break up throws between the numbers. His preparation and knowledge of the game benefit his defensive teammates, as he's able to call out formations and down/distance tendencies that give his unit a valuable advantage. He's tough and physical at the point of attack and a sure tackler who doesn't miss often in the open field. Fisher's leadership skills are highly valued in the huddle, on the sideline and in the locker room.

WEAKNESSES In man coverage, Fisher's lack of elite athleticism can be tested by more explosive running backs and tight ends who can stress him vertically or with sharp route cuts that force him to change direction on a dime. He can be too aggressive and get sucked into the trenches by play-action fakes, and he lacks the explosiveness and speed to recover in time to avoid big plays in the voids he leaves behind. He can get washed out in the run game by bigger blockers who expose his below-average play strength at the point of attack, leading to a habit of trying to avoid head-on blocks, which can leave him out of position.

FINAL ANALYSIS Fisher has some athletic limitations that put a cap on his NFL ceiling, but coaches and scouts will still love the intelligence, instincts and intangibles he brings to the table. At worst, Fisher should have a long and successful career as a valued backup and core special-teamer, but he could find a starting role in the right defense that can mitigate his lack of speed and athleticism while taking advantage of his mental prowess.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	10	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	13	108	6.0-23	1.5-9	5	0-0	1-4	7
2024	13	118	5.5-14	1.5-5	3	0-0	0-0	4
2025	15	97	10.5-35	4.5-25	5	1-1	2-27	1
Career	51	328	22.0-72	7.5-39	13	1-1	3-31	12

11 KYLE LOUIS

COLLEGE: PITT
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 220 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS Louis' high level of intelligence and preparation are obvious on film. He comes flying downhill not with reckless abandon, but with a calculated plan to get where he already knows the ball is going. His instincts and ball skills can create splash plays in clutch moments, and he has an impressive feel for how to get to the quarterback as a blitz weapon. He's a reliable tackler who can throttle down and stay controlled in space, wrapping up at the point of attack and bringing more punch than you might expect from an undersized linebacker. Louis is a valuable leader who sets a strong example for his teammates; he's a true "glue guy" who sets the tone and the culture for an entire team.

WEAKNESSES Louis' size is the obvious drawback, as he's a linebacker stuck in a safety's body. He could have a hard time holding up near the trenches in the NFL, where blockers are bigger and stronger than anything he's faced at the college level up to this point. He lacks the strength and anchor to hold his ground when blockers are able to lock on and drive him away from the ball, relegating him to trying to avoid blocks instead of being able to consistently play through them.

FINAL ANALYSIS He's got valuable physical and mental traits, and the intangibles are all there, too. That said, Louis' undersized frame will require some schematic creativity if he wants to be a regular contributor on defense at the next level. He should have sub-package value in the right system, and at worst, be able to make an instant impact and carve out a long career on special teams.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	4	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	9	19	1.5-3	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0
2024	13	101	15.5-64	7.0-40	9	0-0	4-68	3
2025	11	81	8.5-52	3.0-35	3	0-2	2-21	3
Career	37	201	25.5-119	10.0-75	13	0-2	6-89	6

12 LANDER BARTON

COLLEGE: UTAH
HEIGHT: 6-5 | WEIGHT: 240 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Barton's massive frame is the first thing that jumps out, as he brings rare size for the position. He's an impressive athlete with surprising speed and range for such a huge defender, flying from sideline to sideline with long strides. That athletic ability shines in space, where Barton is comfortable handling man and zone coverage responsibilities, showing fluidity and quickness you just don't see from bigger defenders. Barton uses his length effectively against the run, holding his ground and keeping opposing blockers from getting into his body. He's got a nose for the ball that can lead to big plays and takeaways, and his high football IQ is evident in how quickly he's able to diagnose run concepts and blocking schemes to stay one step ahead of the play.

WEAKNESSES His tall, lean frame creates challenges in terms of leverage and pad level, especially against experienced blockers who are technically sound and stay low when they engage him. All the physical and mental tools are there for Barton to be a dominant tackler, but his technique fluctuates too much, leaving too many shoulder tackles and missed opportunities on film. He's got the traits to be a valuable weapon as a pass rusher, but that's another area where his technical approach needs a ton of work.

FINAL ANALYSIS The younger brother of two NFL players (Cody, Jackson), Barton clearly has pro-level talent and physical traits, and his size/athleticism combo makes him a unique upside play as an off-ball defender. There's a lot of polish needed here, but Barton's potential is worth taking a chance on when Day 3 rolls around, and his floor as a valued reserve and special-teamer mitigates any bust potential.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	14	46	8.0-38	4.5-31	3	1-1	0-0	1
2023	7	34	0.5-1	0.0-0	1	1-0	2-25	3
2024	12	72	5.0-40	2.0-36	1	1-1	2-104	4
2025	13	55	3.5-9	1.5-8	3	0-1	1-0	1
Career	46	207	17.0-88	8.0-75	8	3-3	5-129	9

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1 MANSOOR DELANE

COLLEGE: LSU
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 190 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS A transfer from Virginia Tech, Delane has a ton of starting experience under his belt against top competition, and it shows. He's a polished technician who seems to know what his receiver is going to do before it happens. He doesn't waste time with any false steps, staying sticky through every route and making life miserable for opponents with his physicality from snap to whistle. Delane is an opportunistic playmaker who trusts his preparation and ball skills to get his hands on throws that come his way. His toughness also extends to the run game, where he's not afraid to get his hands dirty when shedding blocks and bringing down ball carriers.

WEAKNESSES Delane is more effective in tight spaces than he is when trying to carry long-developing routes across the field, and he lacks the elite straight-line speed to hang with the fastest receivers the NFL will have to offer. He loves to make calculated gambles to create big plays, but that can backfire at times, as Delane can get caught with his eyes in the backfield and lose his spatial awareness if he guesses too early and gives the quarterback time to set him up with a shoulder fake or a double-move route from the receiver.

FINAL ANALYSIS He might get burned deep every now and then, and his penchant for trying to jump routes could get exposed early by the league's top quarterbacks, but Delane makes up for these issues with the kind of technical prowess, intelligence and competitiveness that should make him a high-level starter for a long time. No matter the scheme, Delane has All-Pro potential, with the polish and experience to make a big impact right away.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	8	38	3.5-7	0.0-0	0	2-0	1-0	8
2023	13	54	2.5-7	0.0-0	0	0-1	1-32	1
2024	12	54	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	2-0	4-0	7
2025	11	45	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	2-0	11
Career	44	191	7.0-15	0.0-0	1	4-1	8-32	27

2 JERMOD McCOY

COLLEGE: TENNESSEE
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 193 | AGE: 20

STRENGTHS Athleticism and playmaking ability jump off the screen with McCoy, who shows elite explosiveness and ball skills, changing directions at warp speed and consistently getting his hands on the ball. He's a smooth operator in both man and zone coverage, with the ability to stay in phase throughout multiple route breaks and close immediately on the ball once it's on the way. His instincts and leaping ability give him big-play ability every time a quarterback dares throw his way, playing the ball in the air like a wide receiver. His footwork is immaculate, with no false steps and a consistent ability to stay balanced while flipping his hips and staying locked onto his target. He's aggressive at the line of scrimmage in press-man situations, confident in his athletic ability and technique to recover even if he gets beaten on the initial release.

WEAKNESSES There's only one glaring hole in McCoy's evaluation: health. McCoy suffered a torn ACL during offseason training last January and missed the entire 2025 season. There was hope that he would eventually be able to return at some point last year, but it never came to fruition. There's still a massive question mark about his ability to be the same player he was before the injury, and NFL teams won't have the opportunity to see him in game action before deciding whether or not to spend a high pick on him.

FINAL ANALYSIS McCoy's 2024 tape is everything you look for in a potential superstar at the position, but missing the entire 2025 season with that knee injury throws a wrench in the process. Pre-draft workouts could be key to his draft stock, but it's likely NFL teams will see a top-10 talent on his previous film and take the gamble that he can still be that player once he's back to full strength.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	12	31	0.5-1	0.0-0	1	0-1	2-17	7
2024	13	44	0.5-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	4-71	9
Career	25	75	1.0-1	0.0-0	1	0-1	6-88	16

3 COLTON HOOD

COLLEGE: TENNESSEE
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 195 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A well-rounded cover man who excels in both man and zone, Hood is a smooth athlete with high-level technique who doesn't panic in any situation. He's competitive in press coverage, and he has the agility to move effortlessly in any direction to stick with his receiver. He plays with the comfort and confidence that reflect a high level of preparation, and his fundamentals are always sound on every rep. He's rarely fooled by a route concept or combination, and he shows the athleticism to match receivers of every size, shape and skill set at every level of the field. Hood's upper body and lower body are always in unison, allowing him to stay balanced throughout every rep instead of making false steps and stumbling to catch up.

WEAKNESSES Hood can get too grabby if he gets beaten early in the play, and NFL officials won't let him get away with the level of contact the college ranks allow. He's a willing tackler, but he needs to improve his ability to break down and wrap up consistently instead of just reaching for arm tackles. Playing with consistent effort in run support should be a point of emphasis in his development, as well as getting stronger to improve his ability to be physical with the bigger receivers who will line up across from him.

FINAL ANALYSIS With Jermod McCoy out for the entire 2025 season, Hood made the most of his opportunity to prove he could be a No. 1 corner against top competition. There's still room for growth in multiple areas of his game, but his tape from last season shows a pro-ready cover man with sound fundamentals and scheme versatility who can make an immediate impact in any NFL defense.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	4	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2024	13	24	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	2-105	6
2025	12	50	4.5-14	0.0-0	0	1-1	1-23	8
Career	29	77	5.5-15	0.0-0	0	1-1	3-128	14

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4 AVIEON TERRELL

COLLEGE: CLEMSON
HEIGHT: 5-11 | WEIGHT: 180 | AGE: 21

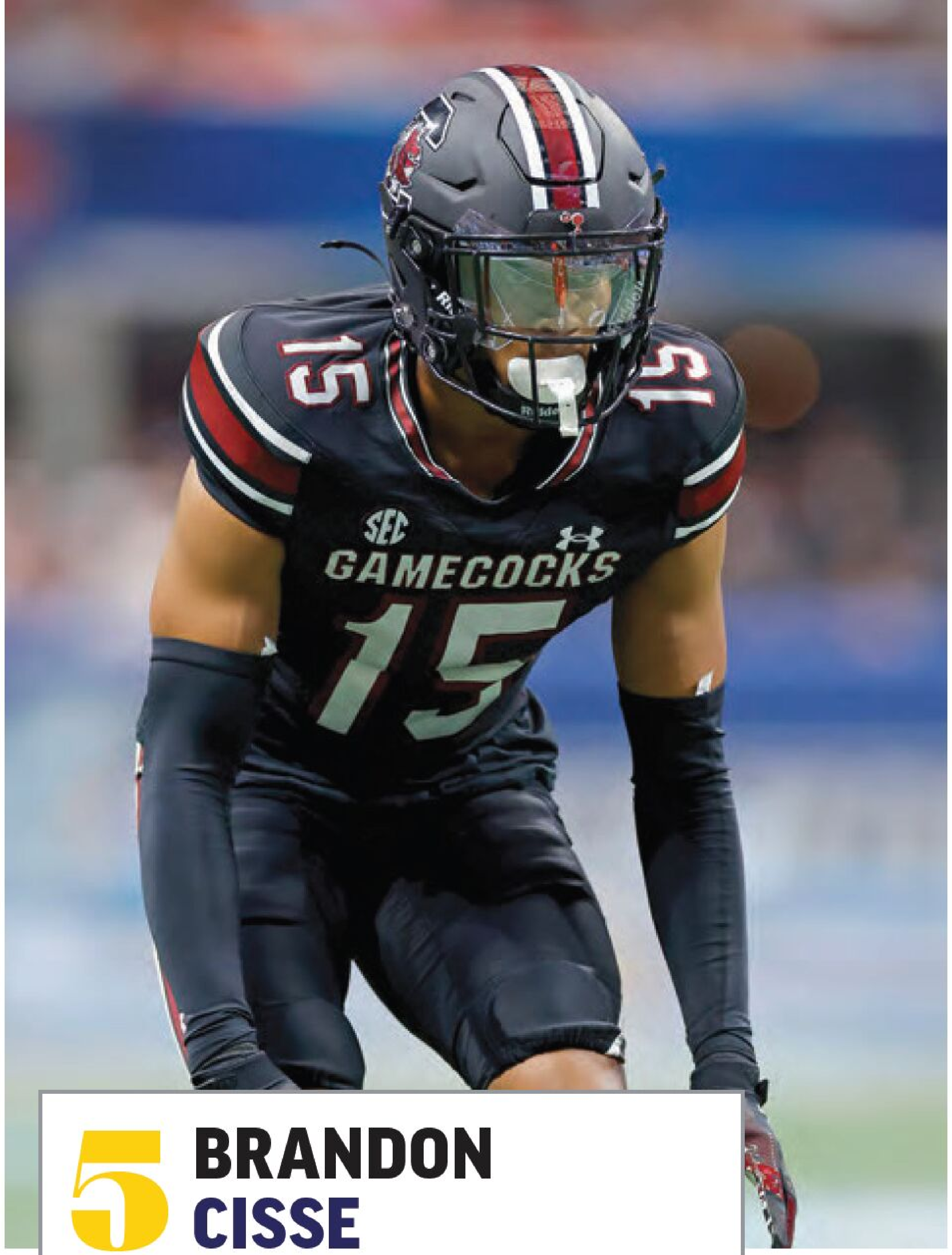
STRENGTHS Don't let the size fool you: Terrell is a feisty cover man who punches well above his weight class. He's physical and competitive from the line of scrimmage to the catch point, and he has the ball skills and confidence to challenge bigger receivers on 50/50 balls. He's got impressive lateral quickness and short-area burst that allow him to change directions at the drop of a hat, and his combination of smooth footwork and fluid hips keeps him in phase against even the most polished route-runners. He tracks the ball extremely well on deep throws, and he shows the awareness and explosiveness to excel in zone coverage. Terrell is a smart defender who can quickly decipher route combinations and put himself in the best position to make a play on the ball.

WEAKNESSES While his physical style of play is commendable, Terrell could have durability questions at the next level if he wants to keep playing that brand of football against NFL competition that's bigger, faster and stronger. His tendency to gamble in pursuit of takeaways can leave him vulnerable to giving up big plays downfield when he guesses wrong, and more polished receivers will challenge his length and hand usage at the line of scrimmage. He's a willing tackler in the run game, but his technique needs plenty of work if he wants to mitigate his lack of size in the pros.

FINAL ANALYSIS He's got some obvious physical limitations that might drop him down the board for some teams, but Terrell's competitiveness, athleticism and ball skills are still starting-caliber traits. If he can stay healthy and clean up his technique a bit, Terrell has plenty of upside for any defense that can overlook his lack of size in favor of the versatility and play-making potential he brings.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	13	19	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	4
2024	14	58	4.5-17	1.0-11	0	3-2	2-9	12
2025	12	48	4.5-38	3.0-23	0	5-1	0-0	9
Career	39	125	9.0-55	4.0-34	0	8-3	3-9	25



5 BRANDON CISSE

COLLEGE: SOUTH CAROLINA
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 196 | AGE: 20

STRENGTHS Cisse made an immediate impact after transferring from NC State, showing off athleticism and coverage skills that made him a true shutdown artist for the Gamecocks. He's got elite movement skills in every direction, with the lateral quickness to match high-end route-runners and the straight-line speed to stick with burners down the field. His transitions are seamless, switching gears and closing on anything in front of him, and he's annoyingly physical, using his length effectively at the line of scrimmage and at the catch point. That same mentality serves him well against the run, where he's always willing to fight through blocks on the perimeter to get involved. He can follow an opposing team's No. 1 receiver all over the field, lining up outside or in the slot.

WEAKNESSES Much more comfortable in man coverage than zone, Cisse doesn't play with the same level of urgency and confidence when he's not locked into a 1-on-1 matchup, and his spatial awareness with zone assignments is inconsistent. His physicality can cross the line into penalty territory, and he needs to wrap up more often as a tackler instead of just throwing his shoulder into the fray. He has the speed to recover most of the time, but pump fakes and double-move routes can bait him into early bites.

FINAL ANALYSIS Cisse has all the physical traits to be a shutdown corner at the next level, especially for any team that prioritizes man coverage and asks its corners to press often. Improving his awareness and instincts in zone coverage would make him a more complete player, as would polishing his tackling technique and being more judicious with his contact. However, the foundation is there for Cisse to become a star.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	13	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0
2024	9	28	1.5-7	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	5
2025	12	27	1.5-3	0.0-0	2	1-0	1-0	5
Career	34	65	3.0-10	0.0-0	2	1-0	2-0	10

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6 CHRIS JOHNSON

COLLEGE: SAN DIEGO STATE
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 195 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A complete prospect with scheme versatility, Johnson executes both man and zone coverage responsibilities at an extremely high level. His high football IQ and impressive athleticism allow him to handle every type of receiver, taking the right approach for each matchup based on the skill set that's lined up across from him. His technique is sharp and consistent, and he tracks the ball well downfield, putting himself in position to make a play on every pass that comes his way. His playmaking instincts lead to takeaway opportunities, and he has the long speed to stay in phase when opponents try to test him over the top. Johnson is a tough competitor who isn't afraid to get physical, whether in coverage or run support.

WEAKNESSES Johnson needs to smooth out his lateral transitions, which can show a false step every now and then that keeps him from closing on the ball on time. He's tough and competitive in press coverage, but he still needs to improve his timing and hand placement when jamming receivers off the snap. Developing better body control in the air would allow Johnson to be more effective when challenging bigger receivers on contested catches.

FINAL ANALYSIS There are a couple of minor tweaks Johnson needs to make to his game, but his well-rounded skill set and overall athleticism are ideal for the position. His ability to seamlessly transition between man and zone coverage will allow him to make both an immediate and a long-term impact at the next level, regardless of scheme.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	12	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	12	30	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	1-44	1
2024	12	67	0.5-0	0.0-0	1	3-0	1-42	4
2025	11	49	3.0-14	1.0-10	2	1-0	4-146	9
Career	47	152	3.5-14	1.0-10	3	5-0	6-232	14

7 D'ANGELO PONDS

COLLEGE: INDIANA
HEIGHT: 5-9 | WEIGHT: 173 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS He may be undersized, but Ponds plays like that fact hasn't occurred to him. He's feisty and competitive, approaching every rep with surprising physicality, whether he's matching up with bigger receivers at the line of scrimmage or the catch point, or flying downhill to make tackles in the run game. Ponds has impressive short-area burst and fluidity, flipping his hips and using smooth footwork to stick to his receiver and close quickly on short catches to limit extra yardage. He plays with a high level of awareness, displaying the explosiveness and ball skills to make quick breaks and get his hands on the ball. Ponds is equally comfortable in both man and zone coverage, using a balanced blend of physical and mental tools to bring whatever the situation needs on every snap.

WEAKNESSES Though his physical style of play is admirable, Ponds will have to prove that he can maintain that same level of physicality (and the success that has come along with it) against NFL competition that will be far less forgiving of his shortcomings. One of the ways Ponds overcomes his lack of size is by being active with his hands, and NFL officiating won't let him get away with as much contact as he was used to in college. Bigger receivers with longer arms are a huge challenge for Ponds in contested-catch situations.

FINAL ANALYSIS Ponds may not meet the size threshold for some teams, and his biggest limitations are things he can't do much about. That said, he has mental traits you just can't teach; he makes big plays in clutch situations; and he can play in any scheme. If his smaller frame can hold up, Ponds could be a dynamic playmaker for any NFL defense.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	13	51	2.0-8	0.0-0	0	0-2	2-10	13
2024	13	57	4.5-10	0.0-0	0	0-0	3-70	9
2025	15	61	4.0-9	0.0-0	0	1-0	2-25	11
Career	41	169	10.5-27	0.0-0	0	1-2	7-105	33

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8 KEITH ABNEY II

COLLEGE: ARIZONA STATE
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 190 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A national speed skating champion in his younger days, Abney is still moving at light speed now that he's on the gridiron. He's a fluid athlete who makes smooth transitions thanks to his polished footwork and loose hips, and his intelligence makes him even quicker when it comes to diagnosing routes and breaking on the ball. He's shown the versatility to line up on the outside or in the slot, with the movement skills and toughness to handle every style of pass catcher. Abney plays with a physical style from snap to whistle, staying in the receiver's pocket and jostling for position from the initial release, through route breaks, and at the catch point.

WEAKNESSES Abney can get a little too greedy at times, jumping route breaks too early in search of takeaways, and he can whiff at the line of scrimmage in press coverage when he guesses wrong instead of reacting to the receiver's release. His physicality can get him in trouble at times, initiating too much contact that will certainly get flagged more often in the pros. He's not afraid to come down in the box and help out in run support, but his tackling technique needs a ton of improvement if he wants to be effective in that department.

FINAL ANALYSIS A well-rounded player with a strong blend of physical and mental tools, Abney has the inside/outside versatility and complete skill set to make him valuable at the next level. He'll need to rein in his physicality and gambling tendencies, but the framework is there for a high-quality starter sooner than later.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	8	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0
2024	14	52	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	3-8	9
2025	12	44	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	2-1	2-0	12
Career	34	98	1.0-4	1.0-4	1	2-1	6-8	21

9 JULIAN NEAL

COLLEGE: ARKANSAS
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 208 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS With an ideal combination of size and athleticism, Neal is a dominant press-man corner who uses his big frame and long arms to lock down receivers in 1-on-1 situations. He's aggressive off the snap, getting his hands on his target and redirecting routes to disrupt timing and dictate leverage, staying in the receiver's back pocket and using his length to get his hands on the ball. He's got fluid hips, especially for a taller corner, and there's not a ton of wasted movement in his transitions. Neal is comfortable in zone coverage, with quick read/react skills to close on the ball and limit yards after the catch. He's effective in run support, using his size and physicality to his advantage, and he's a reliable tackler with sound technique.

WEAKNESSES He lacks elite straight-line speed, and he can give up big plays downfield against the most explosive receivers. He's got a knack for creating splash plays with aggressive breaks on the ball, but his willingness to gamble can backfire on double-moves and pump fakes that catch his eyes in the backfield and make him pay the price. His biggest challenges in transition come when his footwork doesn't match up with his mind and his hips, leaving him just a tick behind when matching more complex routes.

FINAL ANALYSIS Speed and greed are concerns here, but Neal's overall athleticism makes up for his lack of wheels, and it's easier to teach players to pick their spots when chasing big plays than it is to create the instincts and aggressiveness that he brings to the table. Corners with Neal's size and fluidity aren't easy to find, and his draft slot should reflect that. Teams that run a ton of press-man coverage will be particularly enamored with his potential.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2021	4	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2022	3	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1
2023	11	9	1.5-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1
2024	12	35	5.0-19	1.0-12	0	0-0	2-9	6
2025	12	55	2.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	2-34	10
Career	42	99	8.5-25	1.0-12	0	0-0	4-43	18

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10 MALIK MUHAMMAD

COLLEGE: TEXAS
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 188 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS Muhammad's instincts and awareness jump off the screen immediately when you put on the tape. He's at his best when his shoulders are square to the line of scrimmage and he's able to keep things in front of him, closing quickly on underneath routes. He's fluid enough to turn those instincts into tackles and pass breakups by peeling off his original assignment and flowing downhill once he sees that the ball is getting dumped off. He's not afraid to be physical at the catch point, and that physicality shows up in his willingness to fly up and hit on screens and other short passes, as well as in the run game. Muhammad has the versatility to line up just about anywhere in the secondary, which will give him added value at the next level.

WEAKNESSES While his physicality is to be commended, Muhammad can get plenty grabby in coverage, and he simply won't get away with the same level of contact he was allowed by college officials. He also has moments when he's more of a shoulder tackler, giving up unnecessary yardage after contact by not wrapping up the ball carrier. He likes to read and react quickly to opposing quarterbacks, but this can lead to getting his eyes caught in the backfield, allowing receivers to gain separation while he's looking elsewhere.

FINAL ANALYSIS Muhammad's quick-twitch athleticism and playmaking instincts give him tons of upside at the next level, and his ability to play multiple positions and fill a wide variety of roles will give him valuable scheme versatility in the NFL. If he can be more judicious with his physicality and improve his technique and eye discipline, there's no reason why Muhammad can't quickly develop into a quality starter.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	14	31	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	4
2024	16	36	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	8
2025	11	30	2.5-8	1.0-6	1	0-0	2-0	4
Career	41	97	3.5-9	1.0-6	1	0-0	3-0	16

11 KEIONTE SCOTT

COLLEGE: MIAMI (FLA.)
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 195 | AGE: 24

STRENGTHS An experienced playmaker who excels in the slot, Scott has played a ton of football, and he makes plays like the game is moving in slow-motion for him. He's got the size and physicality to disrupt releases at the line of scrimmage in press coverage, and he brings the toughness required to be effective in run support. His smooth footwork and fluid hips allow him to change direction quickly, matching receivers in coverage and triggering quickly downhill to make splash plays in the backfield. Scott's instincts and preparation give him a knack for sniffing out plays before they even get started, and he's got the athleticism to ensure his body can match up with what his eyes and mind are telling him. He's a valuable weapon as an extra rusher when asked to blitz off the edge, and he brings a high-energy presence and leadership to the field.

WEAKNESSES His physicality and aggressiveness against the run are commendable, but his tackling technique needs to be sharpened, and he can get caught with his eyes in the backfield when faced with play-action and double-move routes. Bigger receivers have been a challenge for him, especially in contested-catch situations, and his straight-line speed can be tested when he's forced to carry faster pass catchers across the field on long-developing routes in man coverage. Scott will turn 25 during his first NFL season, making him one of the older prospects in the class.

FINAL ANALYSIS There will be questions about his upside due to age and the ability to handle bigger/faster receivers in certain situations, but Scott's experience and playmaking ability will still earn him plenty of fans in front offices across the league. If he can polish his technique as a tackler, Scott could immediately challenge for a starting spot as a slot defender who brings a ton of intangible value to the roster.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	12	53	4.0-9	1.0-4	2	0-0	1-0	4
2023	10	44	2.0-3	0.0-0	2	0-0	0-0	5
2024	11	18	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2025	14	64	13.0-43	5.0-24	8	2-2	2-110	5
Career	47	179	19.0-55	6.0-28	12	2-2	3-110	14

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12 DEVIN MOORE

COLLEGE: FLORIDA
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 198 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Moore has an elite combination of size and athleticism, with impressive fluidity for a taller corner. He makes smooth transitions to stay in-step with his receiver, and he shows the instincts and explosiveness to trigger quickly when he knows the ball is about to come his way. While he didn't rack up a ton of picks or pass breakups, that was mostly a reflection of opposing quarterbacks knowing they should avoid his side of the field. His size and length make him effective in press coverage, and those physical traits allow him to hang with the biggest and most physical pass catchers on 50/50 balls. Moore brings a ton of mental toughness and valuable intangible qualities to the table that NFL teams will love.

WEAKNESSES There aren't many holes to poke in Moore's game from an athletic or film-based standpoint, but the massive question mark in his projection is health. Moore missed significant portions of three separate seasons during his time in Gainesville with a wide range of different injuries. A nagging shoulder injury that's already required surgery could be of particular concern when it comes to his long-term durability at the next level.

FINAL ANALYSIS The physical traits are all there for Moore to be a shutdown corner in the NFL, but the injury history looms large over his evaluation. Teams willing to spend an early pick on him will have to be comfortable with the risk/reward trade-off, but if he's able to stay healthy, he could prove to be a steal anytime on Day 2.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	5	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	7	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-39	3
2024	7	17	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	2-84	2
2025	11	35	2.0-5	1.0-2	0	1-0	2-7	4
Career	30	64	2.0-5	1.0-2	0	1-0	5-130	9

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13 WILL LEE III

COLLEGE: TEXAS A&M
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 189 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Long and greedy, Lee is at his best in press coverage, where he's able to use his size and length to frustrate receivers through the route and deploy his instincts and ball skills to consistently break up passes. He's physical at the line of scrimmage and competitive at the catch point, making life difficult for opposing pass catchers on 50/50 balls. He's comfortable switching gears and changing direction on the fly, showing solid fluidity for a taller corner. Lee is a well-rounded player who is a willing contributor in run defense, and he's got proven experience on special teams that will serve him well early in his NFL career. His tough, confident playing style shows the mark of a player who has worked his way up from the junior college ranks all the way to the SEC.

WEAKNESSES Much more comfortable in 1-on-1 matchups, Lee still needs some refinement as a zone defender, as he can struggle with his spatial awareness when passing off and picking up receivers. More complex routes can cross him up, as Lee prefers to get his hands on his receiver early and dictate leverage rather than trailing and reacting. He's got adequate speed, but the NFL's fastest receivers could give him trouble over the top and on deep crossers. Adding a little bit of quality bulk to his tall frame would help ensure success against bigger, more physical receivers in close quarters at the NFL level.

FINAL ANALYSIS Corners with Lee's combination of size, length, ball skills and competitiveness will always be valued highly by NFL teams. If he can complete his skill set by improving his effectiveness in zone coverage, Lee should be able to find success in any NFL scheme, but he'll make the most immediate impact in man-heavy defenses that play to his strengths and physical style of play.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	11	42	1.5-2	0.0-0	0	1-1	2-27	6
2024	12	42	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	1-0	2-97	10
2025	13	50	2.0-9	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	8
Career	36	134	4.0-12	1.0-7	0	2-1	4-124	24

14 DAVISON IGBINOSUN

COLLEGE: OHIO STATE
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 195 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Big and competitive, Igbinosun brings ideal physical traits to the position, and he knows how to use them effectively. He's not afraid to get in a receiver's face at the line of scrimmage, using his size and length to challenge their releases and immediately disrupt the route. He plays every rep with constant physicality from start to finish, and he uses his wingspan to frustrate receivers at the catch point on 50/50 balls. He's got the speed and fluidity to flip his hips and stay connected to his assignment on deep balls, and his football IQ shines through in how quickly he's able to diagnose route concepts and break on the ball. His physical playing style shows up in the run game, too, where he's effective at shedding blocks and making tackles on the perimeter.

WEAKNESSES As is the case for most college corners who love to play a physical brand of football, Igbinosun will have to rein in his usual level of contact if he wants to avoid frequent penalties from NFL officials. He's much more comfortable in press than off coverage, as he can be too quick to pick a direction and open up his frame instead of staying patient and leaving his alignment neutral until the route breaks. When receivers sell go routes and break them off, Igbinosun's footwork can be a bit muddy as he transitions to come back downhill, giving the receiver too much separation.

FINAL ANALYSIS He could use a couple of technical tweaks, and he'll have to be more careful about his level of physicality downfield, but Igbinosun brings an intriguing blend of physical and mental tools to a premium position. His experience against top competition doesn't hurt either, and any defense that loves to play a ton of press-man coverage should target him in the Day 2 range.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	13	37	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	5
2023	13	59	1.5-4	0.0-0	0	0-2	0-0	5
2024	16	45	2.0-6	0.0-0	0	0-1	2-45	9
2025	14	53	0.5-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	2-2	8
Career	56	194	4.0-10	0.0-0	0	0-3	4-47	27

15 CHANDLER RIVERS

COLLEGE: DUKE
HEIGHT: 5-10 | WEIGHT: 185 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Smart and savvy, Rivers seems to know where the ball is going even before the quarterback does much of the time. He's at his best in zone coverage, where his instincts and football IQ allow him to quickly read and react to route combinations, following the quarterback's eyes right to his preferred destination. He's technically sound, with smooth footwork and fluid hips that fuel quick transitions in man coverage, and he's not afraid to match up with bigger receivers in the slot or come downhill in run support. His aggressive playing style leads to plenty of big plays, and he makes calculated breaks on the ball that feel like gambles but reflect a high level of preparation and film work.

WEAKNESSES Rivers faces the same challenges that all undersized corners face, as his smaller frame and lack of ideal length make it difficult for him to win at the catch point against bigger, stronger receivers with longer wingspans. His toughness in run support is commendable, but Rivers will have to prove he can maintain that physical style of play at his size while remaining durable and avoiding injury. While he's quick in short bursts, Rivers doesn't have the long speed to stick with faster receivers on deep crossers and go routes.

FINAL ANALYSIS There are size and speed limitations with Rivers, but his intelligence and playmaking instincts still give him a ton of potential in the right role. If he can land in a zone-heavy defense that puts him in the slot and lets him play downhill and chase splash plays, Rivers could prove to be a quality starter and a bargain.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	13	52	2.0-6	0.5-3	2	0-0	1-0	6
2023	13	58	3.0-9	0.0-0	1	0-0	1-13	7
2024	13	54	7.5-43	1.0-13	3	2-1	3-36	9
2025	13	59	3.5-6	0.0-0	1	1-0	2-0	8
Career	52	223	16.0-64	1.5-16	7	3-1	7-49	30

16 TREYDAN STUKES

COLLEGE: ARIZONA
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 200 | AGE: 24

STRENGTHS An aggressive cover man with big-play ability, Stukes has the size of a traditional outside corner, but he actually does his best work from the slot, where his physicality and competitiveness shine. He disrupts route timing with strong release challenges at the line of scrimmage, and he stays physical throughout the entire route, always keeping himself in range to make plays on the ball. He has the recovery speed to stick with deep routes, and he attacks underneath routes with superb anticipation. Stukes understands route combinations at a high level, and he has the situational awareness to adjust his approach based on down-and-distance tendencies.

WEAKNESSES Stukes' aggressiveness can tip over into recklessness at times, as he takes risky gambles in pursuit of turnovers, trusting his recovery speed to bail him out when he guesses wrong. He needs to be more consistent with keeping his hips and pads low through his lateral transitions to avoid any wasted movement when trying to match receivers through their routes in man coverage. Stukes missed the majority of the 2024 season with a torn ACL, so durability could be a concern at the next level.

FINAL ANALYSIS At his size, Stukes' big-play ability and experience in the slot should be intriguing to any NFL team that wants bigger defenders on the field in their nickel packages. If he can clean up some of his technique and avoid another major injury, Stukes has the physical and mental tools to be a valuable defensive weapon at the next level.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2020	3	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2021	12	31	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	7
2022	11	42	3.5-17	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-11	5
2023	12	55	4.0-17	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	9
2024	4	18	2.5-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-12	2
2025	10	52	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0-0	4-15	6
Career	52	206	12.0-46	1.0-5	0	0-0	7-38	29

17 DAYLEN EVERETTE

COLLEGE: GEORGIA
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 190 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS With ideal size and athleticism, Everette excels in man coverage, showing the speed and lateral quickness to mirror receivers on every type of route. His footwork is clean and consistent, and he uses his frame and length to bring a physical style of play that can frustrate opposing pass catchers off the line of scrimmage and at the catch point. He's ultra-competitive in press coverage, but he has the savvy and polish to walk on the edge with his contact without drawing flags. He's a dangerous weapon as a blitzer off the edge, timing his approach effectively and surprising opposing blockers and quarterbacks with his ability to teleport into the backfield and create splash plays.

WEAKNESSES Everette is far more comfortable in man coverage than zone, as his spatial awareness still needs some work. He can be a step behind when it comes to passing off and picking up targets moving in and out of his area, and he lacks the downhill anticipation to quickly click and close on underneath routes and limit yards after the catch. He has the physical tools to be effective in run support, but his technique and consistency are still a work in progress in that area.

FINAL ANALYSIS The physical tools Everette brings to the table scream NFL starter, but if that's to be true regardless of scheme, he needs to quickly develop his zone-coverage skill set and improve his overall awareness. His best route to immediate impact is landing with a team that loves to play a ton of press-man coverage, which will play to his strengths and cover for his deficiencies.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	14	13	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1
2023	14	29	3.0-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	5
2024	14	58	2.0-18	1.0-15	1	2-1	3-2	3
2025	13	50	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-1	1-30	10
Career	55	150	5.0-22	1.0-15	2	2-2	5-32	19

18 TACARIO DAVIS

COLLEGE: WASHINGTON
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 200 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS An imposing presence on the outside, Davis has rare size for the cornerback position, and he knows how to use it. He's physical at the line of scrimmage, using his length to challenge receivers off the snap and dictate their release, throwing off route timing that can ruin the entire play. Davis uses his frame and wingspan in combination with impressive ball skills to get his hands on a ton of passes, leaving quarterbacks to think twice about challenging him when he's locked up in man coverage. He uses his toughness and physicality effectively in run support, and he has the sound technique to be a reliable tackler on the perimeter. Davis is a smart player who can quickly read route combinations and execute his assignment without wasting valuable time.

WEAKNESSES It can be tough for taller corners to make smooth transitions with their lower body, and Davis is no exception. He can struggle to keep his footwork clean when changing direction, and his hips show some stiffness that can be exposed by shifty route-runners. His physicality is an asset, but Davis can cross the line too often with a level of contact that will draw flags from NFL officials. Straight-line speed can be an issue, as he lacks the ability to stay on top of the fastest receivers on go routes and deep crossers.

FINAL ANALYSIS Corners who possess Davis' physical profile aren't exactly plentiful, and his size/length combo alone will have NFL teams excited about his potential. Teams that run a ton of man coverage should be particularly intrigued by his potential to be a quality starter on the outside, but his lack of deep speed could limit his ceiling.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	5	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-1	0-0	1
2023	13	25	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	15
2024	12	44	2.0-3	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	6
2025	7	19	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	2-34	3
Career	37	95	3.5-5	0.0-0	1	0-1	3-34	25

19 DOMANI JACKSON

COLLEGE: ALABAMA
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 196 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS With an ideal combination of size and speed, Jackson brings high-end physical tools to the position. He's a smooth mover when working laterally to match route breaks at every level of the field, making smooth transitions to stay in the receiver's back pocket. He excels in press-man coverage, where his size and length give him an obvious advantage at the line of scrimmage and allow him to challenge 50/50 balls. Jackson is a high-effort player who brings a ton of competitiveness to every snap, and he plays with a high level of confidence. His experience against top competition should make him as battle-tested as any corner in this class.

WEAKNESSES For all of his impressive physical traits, Jackson could never translate them into consistent production in coverage, managing just two interceptions and 12 pass breakups over four seasons. His zone coverage skills still need some development, as he can be slow to diagnose complex route combinations, making late breaks on the ball and giving up too many layups underneath that turn into decent chunks of yardage after the catch. He's not afraid to get physical in man coverage, but Jackson needs to improve his timing when using his hands at the line of scrimmage.

FINAL ANALYSIS When you're a big and fast corner, NFL teams are always going to bank on the upside of those physical traits and figure out the rest later. Jackson's technique and awareness need improvement if he wants to be a reliable starter, but his experience against top competition should aid his transition, especially if he lands in a defense that plays a ton of man coverage.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	7	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1
2023	11	33	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	3
2024	13	52	2.0-2	0.0-0	1	1-0	2-45	7
2025	15	39	1.5-5	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	1
Career	46	126	3.5-7	0.0-0	2	1-0	2-45	12

20 HEZEKIAH MASSES

COLLEGE: CALIFORNIA
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 185 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A big-play machine for the Golden Bears, Masses put up big numbers in 2025, picking off five passes and breaking up 13 others. He uses his tall frame and long arms to their full potential in man coverage, denying 50/50 balls and staying physical with receivers from snap to whistle. He has impressive lateral movement skills for a taller corner, matching route breaks without much wasted movement in his hips or feet, and he has the spatial awareness and reaction skills to excel in zone coverage. He shows a high-level understanding of offensive concepts and route combinations, and he brings valuable experience on multiple special teams units that will allow him to get on the field immediately at the next level.

WEAKNESSES Masses loves to be physical with opposing receivers, but in the process, he drew plenty of penalties over the past couple of seasons. The margin for error will be even slimmer in that department at the next level, where the rules for defenders are much more stringent. Masses possesses a lean frame that doesn't do him any favors in run support, as he can struggle to shed blocks from bigger receivers on the perimeter, and bringing down ball carriers in the run game looks like a chore. His length is useful in press coverage, but thicker receivers can still disengage early in the rep by getting his hands swiped away at the release.

FINAL ANALYSIS The kind of numbers that Masses put up last season are sure to catch the attention of NFL teams, as every defense in the league is always looking for more takeaways and big plays. He could use a little extra bulk to fill out his frame and improve his effectiveness in press coverage against stronger receivers, and he needs to be more careful with his contact downfield if he wants to be something more than a depth player with special teams value.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	12	25	3.5-8	0.0-0	1	0-1	0-0	4
2023	12	42	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-1	1-40	4
2024	12	38	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	1-0	1-42	4
2025	13	47	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	5-91	13
Career	49	152	5.5-11	0.0-0	1	1-2	7-173	25

21 THADDEUS DIXON

COLLEGE: NORTH CAROLINA
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 195 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A versatile defender who can handle both man and zone coverage responsibilities at a high level, Dixon has the height and length to thrive in 1-on-1 situations, as well as the awareness and instincts to be comfortable locking down a particular area of the field. His click-and-close ability is impressive, and he displays a solid combination of short-area burst and fluidity that pairs well with a high football IQ, enabling him to react quickly to whatever is happening in front of him. Dixon is a fiery competitor who brings nonstop effort to every snap, and he has the confidence to go face-to-face with receivers of any size and skill set.

WEAKNESSES Dixon can get too physical with receivers downfield, which will lead to plentiful penalties at the next level. He can be too reliant on his physical tools at the line of scrimmage, causing him to lose reps at the get-go against more polished receivers who possess more effective release techniques. His light frame could lead to durability questions at the next level, and that lack of bulk prevents him from being consistently effective in run support. His tackling technique could use some improvement as well.

FINAL ANALYSIS After playing at the junior college level, Dixon spent two years at Washington before heading to Chapel Hill, finding success at every stop. If he can rein in his physicality and refine his press technique, Dixon could eventually develop into starting material, especially if he can add some bulk to round out his skill set with better tackling consistency and run support.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	14	26	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-14	6
2024	13	43	2.0-2	0.0-0	0	1-0	1-21	10
2025	7	19	2.0-5	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	6
Career	34	88	5.0-8	0.0-0	0	1-0	2-35	22

22 DEVON MARSHALL

COLLEGE: NC STATE
HEIGHT: 5-11 | WEIGHT: 200 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A polished technician who plays with a ton of toughness, Marshall has a well-built frame that fuels a physical style of play that you don't typically see from most sub-six-foot corners. His footwork is seamless, and he displays impressive balance and fluidity that allow him to change direction quickly, matching short and intermediate routes with quick reaction skills. Marshall shows a high-level understanding of route-running techniques, staying one step ahead of his opponent and keeping himself in position to consistently make plays on the ball. Marshall led the nation in forced incompletions last season, making opposing quarterbacks pay for testing him so often.

WEAKNESSES Marshall lacks the elite straight-line speed to keep up with the fastest receivers, often chasing his assignment on go routes and deep crossers. His frame is well-built, but his lack of ideal height can be exploited by bigger receivers who are capable of out-rebounding him in contested-catch situations. He's not afraid to get physical at the line of scrimmage, but Marshall needs to improve the timing and accuracy of his punches in press coverage to avoid missing on first contact and allowing free releases.

FINAL ANALYSIS What he lacks in ideal size and speed, Marshall makes up for with quickness, smarts and the ball skills that led to impressive production and a ton of big plays last season. If his shorter frame keeps him from sticking on the outside in the NFL, Marshall's strengths would serve him well as a slot corner who constantly gets his hands on the ball.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	9	13	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2
2023	13	47	3.5-6	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	11
2024	13	33	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	1-0	2-(-1)	7
2025	13	50	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	1-0	2-26	16
Career	48	143	4.0-7	0.0-0	1	2-0	4-25	36

23 TJ HALL

COLLEGE: IOWA
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 190 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS Hall plays with a high degree of physicality on the outside, sticking tight to his target and fighting at the catch point to separate the receiver from the football. He's smooth in his transitions, displaying the lateral movement skills and short-area burst to stay close in and out of route breaks. Hall's toughness is evident in run support as well, where he's willing to come downhill and fight off blocks on his way to making tackles in the backfield or out on the edges. He reads the quarterback's eyes effectively and shows a solid understanding of route combinations that allows him to play fast when he's confident in what's coming.

WEAKNESSES Any cornerback who relies on physicality at the college level will have to learn to be more careful at the next level to avoid frequent penalties, and Hall will be no exception. NFL rules are far less forgiving when it comes to downfield contact in the secondary, and Hall will need to pull back on his physicality if he wants to avoid getting flagged all the time in the pros. He's got adequate deep speed, but the league's fastest receivers are likely to give him fits if he's locked up against them in 1-on-1 situations.

FINAL ANALYSIS Hall has a solid physical foundation for NFL success, and he shows flashes of the mental prowess it will take to hang with pro-level pass catchers. He'll need to reel in his physicality and keep polishing his technique if he wants to mitigate his lack of elite speed at the next level, but he should have no problem locking up a roster spot and a rotational role early in his career.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	13	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	6	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2024	12	19	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-1	1-0	2
2025	11	47	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	10
Career	42	75	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-1	2-0	12

24 EPHESIANS PRYSOCK

COLLEGE: WASHINGTON
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 195 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Prysock's ball skills are obvious when you turn on his tape, and it's not surprising to learn that he played wide receiver in high school. He also possesses the tall frame of a top offensive playmaker, giving him rare size for a corner prospect and presenting obvious matchup advantages over opposing receivers. His height and length allow Prysock to hang with even the biggest receivers in man coverage, and he uses his wingspan effectively to disrupt throws at the catch point. He is surprisingly fluid for a taller corner, making smooth transitions with clean footwork against virtually any route. Prysock is also a reliable tackler who isn't afraid to get his hands dirty in run support or limit yards after the catch.

WEAKNESSES Despite his ideal height, Prysock's frame is a bit lean, and he can get pushed around at times by bulkier receivers who can play with power at the line of scrimmage and in contested-catch situations. Better timing of his hand strikes off the snap would help Prysock to be more effective in those scenarios, and adding a little bit of extra bulk could improve his chances of winning reps more frequently against those power-forward receiver types.

FINAL ANALYSIS Prysock's size and length alone will be worth a look for teams on Day 3, and his movement skills are impressive for a corner with his measurables. He should make an immediate impact as a core special-teamer no matter where he lands, but going to a defense that affords him a high frequency of man-coverage opportunities would make the most of his skill set on defense.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	10	16	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	13	61	1.0-8	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	7
2024	13	45	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	6
2025	13	48	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	7
Career	49	170	2.0-9	0.0-0	0	1-0	2-0	20

25 MARCUS ALLEN

COLLEGE: NORTH CAROLINA
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 190 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Size and ball skills are obvious right away when you turn the tape on for Allen, who brings an intriguing blend of physical traits and mental prowess to the table. He uses his length extremely well in man coverage, frustrating opposing receivers at the line of scrimmage and giving them plenty of contact to play through at the catch point. Allen plays with a high degree of awareness, understanding overall offensive structures and route intentions and making sure that he's often in the best position to prevent big plays — or make one himself. His experience in a pro-style defense under Tar Heels head coach and NFL legend Bill Belichick should help his transition to the next level as well.

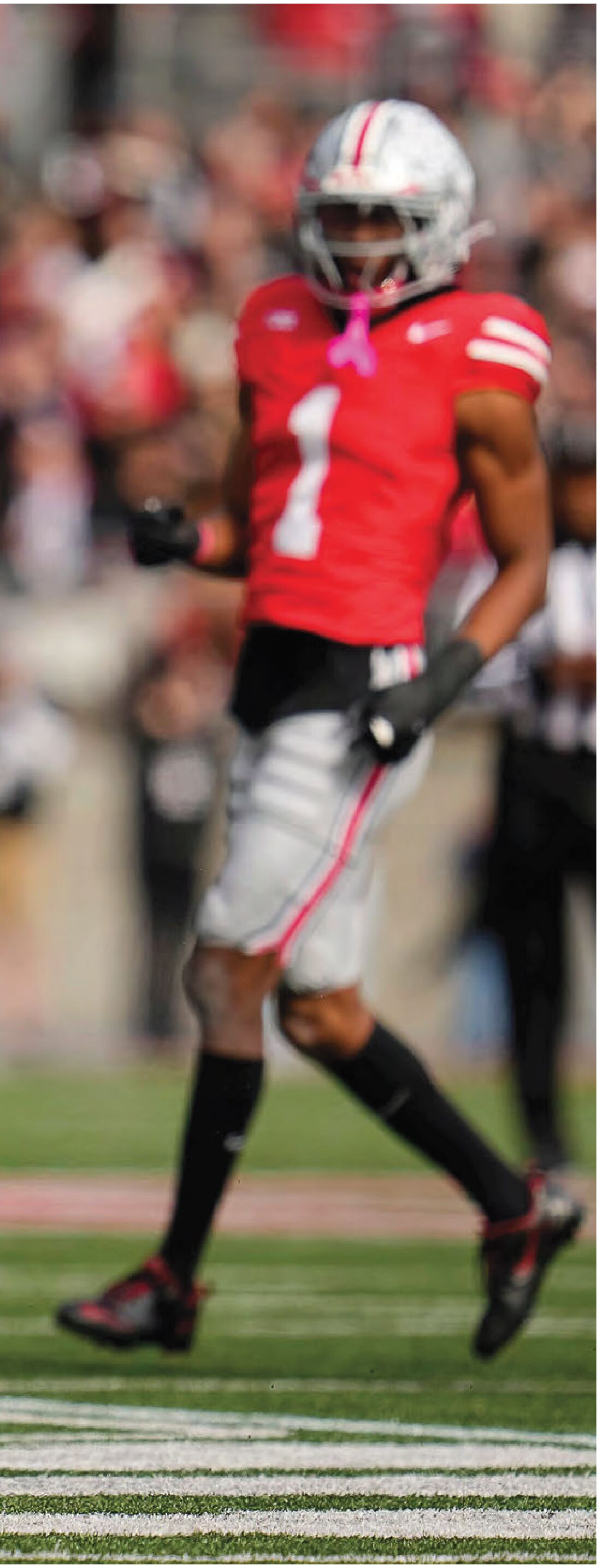
WEAKNESSES Allen isn't afraid to be physical with any receiver, but he'll have to watch his downfield contact level if he wants to avoid penalties at the next level. Smaller, shiftier receivers can give him trouble at times with complex routes that test his fluidity and footwork, and while he has the physical traits to be an asset in run support, Allen needs to improve his technique and consistency as a tackler.

FINAL ANALYSIS Allen checks some important boxes in terms of his physical traits, and his overall awareness and football IQ will earn him plenty of fans amongst NFL coaches and scouts. With some technical improvements, Allen could eventually develop from a backup and core special-teams player into a valuable rotational corner with starter potential under the right coaching staff.

GRADE 6th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	14	16	1.0-5	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2
2023	13	49	0.5-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	8
2024	12	36	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	2-0	4
2025	12	36	2.0-4	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	8
Career	51	137	4.5-11	0.5-1	0	0-0	3-0	22

Caleb Downs



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1 CALEB DOWNS

COLLEGE: OHIO STATE
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 205 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS What can't this guy do? Downs is a jack-of-all-trades who has just about mastered them all, with the ability to make big plays at every level of the field. His intelligence and instincts, paired with impressive athleticism, allow Downs to line up as the deep safety in the middle of the field and then suddenly appear in the backfield to stuff the run. He has the ball skills to create takeaways when he's one step ahead of the play (which happens quite often), and his versatility gives the defense limitless opportunities when it comes to disguising things before the snap and switching up looks to confuse opposing quarterbacks once the play has started. He can stay in center field, lock up in the slot man-to-man, or mix it up in the box. Downs is a natural playmaker with the ball in his hands, too, and can make a big impact in the return game when called upon.

WEAKNESSES There aren't many holes to poke in Downs' game. As a run defender, he excels when he can beat bigger, slower blockers to the punch, but he can still get moved around if he's forced to lock horns with them at the point of attack before he gets to the ball carrier. Though he has adequate recovery speed, his aggressiveness when chasing takeaways can leave him susceptible to the occasional double-move route when he's the last line of defense in the passing game.

FINAL ANALYSIS Downs is one of the best, most complete prospects in this entire draft class. He's the perfect safety for modern NFL defenses, which thrive on the ability to present complex pictures to quarterbacks, and then flip the script after the snap. His polished, well-rounded skill set, smarts and playmaking ability should allow him to make a big impact right away, no matter the team or scheme.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	14	107	3.5-11	0.0-0	0	1-1	2-11	4
2024	16	82	7.5-13	0.5-2	1	0-0	2-7	6
2025	14	68	5.0-13	1.0-8	1	2-0	2-0	2
Career	44	257	16.0-37	1.5-10	2	3-1	6-18	12

2 EMMANUEL McNEIL-WARREN

COLLEGE: TOLEDO
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 202 | AGE: 22

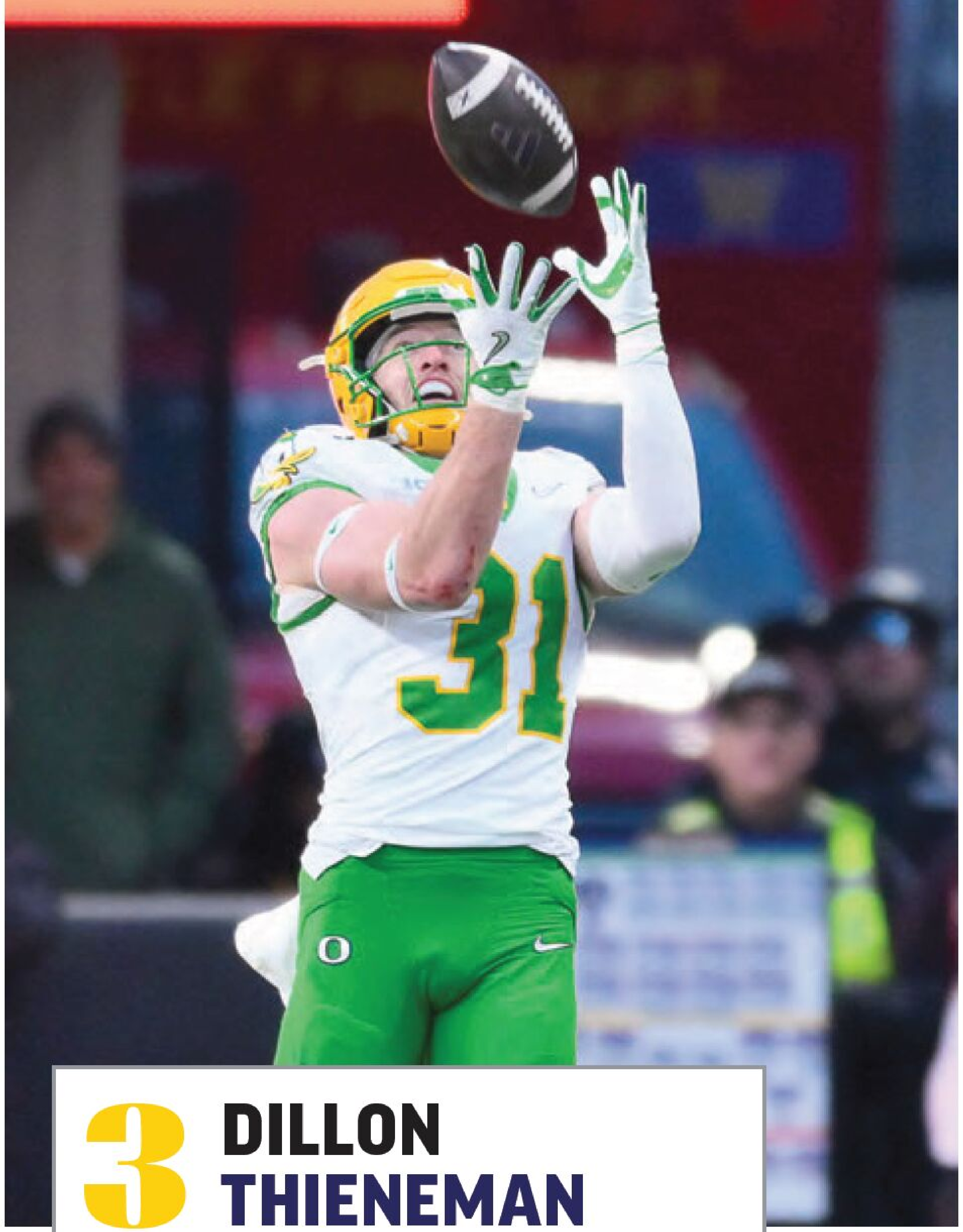
STRENGTHS A twitchy playmaker with elite range and instincts, McNeil-Warren commands your attention as soon as you turn on the tape. Whether he's lined up in center field, down in the box, or matched up in the slot, his aggressive style of play reflects a high level of preparation and intelligence. Combine that with a ton of toughness and physicality, as well as impressive ball skills, and you've got a recipe for splash plays and takeaways. His hips are surprisingly fluid for a taller, high-cut defender, allowing him to match transitions in coverage, and he uses his length to frustrate receivers at the catch point and close passing lanes quickly in zone. He's highly competitive and loves to deliver big hits whenever the opportunity presents itself, and his nonstop effort shows up in clutch moments late in games.

WEAKNESSES McNeil-Warren's lean, high-cut frame could cause him more problems against NFL competition than it did in the MAC, and his ability to quickly diagnose complex route combinations in coverage is still a work in progress. When offensive linemen are able to climb to the second level and engage him, McNeil-Warren lacks the overall strength to hold his ground and not get driven out of the play. His aggressiveness can lead to big plays, but it can also cause him to take misguided pursuit angles to the ball, leaving cutback lanes and giving up unnecessary extra yardage.

FINAL ANALYSIS One of the most underrated prospects in this class, McNeil-Warren was a big-play machine for the Rockets, and he's got all the physical and mental traits to quickly become that same kind of impact player at the next level. Some added bulk to improve his strength would be ideal, and a strong position coach would help to polish the rough edges in his game, but there's All-Pro potential here.

GRADE 1st Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	13	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0
2023	14	69	4.0-9	0.0-0	0	4-0	2-12	3
2024	8	61	1.5-8	0.5-6	0	1-0	1-0	5
2025	13	77	5.5-10	0.5-1	3	3-2	2-37	5
Career	48	214	11.0-27	1.0-7	3	9-2	5-49	13



3 DILLON THIENEMAN

COLLEGE: OREGON
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 205 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS An impressive all-around athlete, Thieneman is a dangerous weapon when working downhill, using impressive speed and explosiveness to fly down into the box and make big stops in the ground game. He's a sure tackler who brings a ton of pop in his pads, and he's quick to process what's happening in front of him, consistently putting himself in position to make plays. He has the intelligence and athleticism to be tasked with a wide range of roles and alignments, working from single-high looks, in the slot or down in the box. Thieneman shows impressive ball skills when it comes his way, tracking and breaking at the right moment to break up passes or haul them in himself. He plays with the toughness and competitive fire that rubs off on his teammates, and he comes through in the clutch.

WEAKNESSES It's a running theme among the most aggressive defenders in this group, but Thieneman's penchant for flying down into the box is a double-edged sword. It can lead to over-pursuit and open cutback lanes against the run, as well as leaving voids in coverage in the play-action game. The most explosive slot receivers can stress him in man coverage, as he can struggle to match their quickness and straight-line speed. Improved technique when taking on blocks would make him more effective in run support.

FINAL ANALYSIS The best defenses in today's NFL have versatile, athletic safeties who can line up all over the place and make big plays because of their mental and physical prowess. Thieneman checks those boxes, and he's polished enough to make an immediate impact, even in a complex role that asks a lot of him. Once he learns to be more disciplined in his pursuit angles, Thieneman could be a Pro Bowler.

GRADE 2nd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	12	106	2.0-6	0.0-0	1	2-0	6-58	2
2024	12	104	4.5-12	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	7
2025	15	96	3.5-6	1.0-2	1	0-0	2-0	5
Career	39	306	10.0-24	2.0-4	2	2-0	8-58	14

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A.J. HAULCY

COLLEGE: LSU
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 222 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Typically with safety prospects, you have to choose between size/physicality or speed/athleticism. That's not the case with Haulcy, who has rare movement skills for a 222-pounder but still packs all the punch you'd expect from a bigger player at the position. He can live in the box with his power-packed frame, toughness and tackling ability, but his fluid hips, light feet and short-area burst give him impressive range and playmaking ability. He's got a sharp mind and quick eyes to find where the ball is going before it gets there, leading to a ton of splash plays and takeaway opportunities. He has the awareness to be effective in zone coverage and the athleticism to handle man responsibilities against running backs and tight ends.

WEAKNESSES If he's asked to lock up in man coverage against slot targets, speedy receivers can stack him and win vertically, and sharp route-runners can stress his ability to remain in phase, forcing him to make contact in ways NFL officials won't allow. His average height and length can leave Haulcy at a disadvantage in contested-catch situations against bigger pass catchers with longer wingspans who can pluck the ball away over his head. He arrives at the ball carrier with burst and violence, but his wrap-up technique as a tackler needs to improve.

FINAL ANALYSIS Haulcy's combination of size, athleticism and physicality gives him a unique skill set and checks a series of boxes no other safety in this class can claim. He still has some room to grow as a tackler, and he'll need to keep learning how to mitigate some of his measurable shortcomings with better technique, but the building blocks are in place for a quality starter with some alignment versatility.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	12	87	3.0-10	0.0-0	1	2-1	2-38	3
2023	12	98	1.0-2	0.0-0	1	1-0	0-12	4
2024	12	74	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	5-72	8
2025	12	88	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	1-0	3-77	4
Career	48	347	4.5-13	0.0-0	2	4-1	10-199	19

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KAMARI RAMSEY

COLLEGE: USC
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 205 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS Smart and versatile, Ramsey is a coach on the field who can line up all over the place. He has spent time as a deep safety, down in the box and even in the slot, showing the athleticism and football IQ to handle a wide range of roles. He can hang with running backs and tight ends in man coverage, with the ball skills and timing to break up passes and the athleticism to limit separation downfield. He can click and close at lightning speed when passes are completed in front of him, quickly closing gaps and making big hits. Ramsey has shown value as a blitz weapon, getting after the quarterback with well-timed rushes and explosiveness. His processing speed is impressive — he quickly figures out what's coming and gets to the ball in a hurry.

WEAKNESSES Ramsey can get too aggressive at times, and his inconsistent technique as a tackler leads to far too many misses, giving up too much extra yardage that could be avoided. He can play out of control too often, losing his base and reaching for tackles when throttling down and keeping his balance would have helped secure the tackle. His big-play production was lacking in the passing game, as Ramsey managed just 11 pass breakups and two interceptions across his four-year career.

FINAL ANALYSIS Ramsey has proven he can be an effective defender at multiple spots, and NFL teams will love that versatility. They'll also love his intelligence, and he's athletic enough to hang against NFL competition as a movable defender who will allow his defensive coordinator to get creative with how he's deployed. Those traits will get him on the field, and improved technique and athletic discipline will keep him there.

GRADE 3rd Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	4	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	11	40	2.5-11	0.0-0	2	0-0	1-0	4
2024	11	60	5.5-26	2.0-19	1	2-0	1-0	5
2025	9	27	1.5-3	0.0-0	3	0-0	0-0	2
Career	35	133	9.5-40	2.0-19	6	2-0	2-0	11

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ZAKEE WHEATLEY

COLLEGE: PENN STATE
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 202 | AGE: 24

STRENGTHS The best safeties are tone-setters, and that's Wheatley's brand of football. He's smart and physical, with a motor that never stops running at full tilt, and his teammates feed off that energy. He's quick to diagnose what the offense is doing and can quickly flow downhill to support against the run game, and he's not afraid of initiating contact against blockers and ball carriers alike. He's an aggressor in coverage, forcing opposing receivers to prove their toughness if they're going to beat him up the field and at the catch point. He's versatile in his alignments, and he can handle a wide range of responsibilities at every level of the defense. Wheatley has the ball skills and playmaking instincts to create takeaways when the ball comes his way.

WEAKNESSES He can be a bit stiff in his transitions when trying to match shifty wide receivers in the slot, and play-action passes can get Wheatley sucked into the box, leaving holes downfield where he used to be. As a tackler, Wheatley needs to be more consistent in keeping a solid base and breaking down to make full-body, wrap-up stops instead of lunging and reaching with his upper body. He can rely too much on his physicality in coverage, and more technically sound receivers can beat him with well-executed releases that force him to play catch-up, which can lead to too much contact that will get flagged.

FINAL ANALYSIS Wheatley brings the speed, instincts and versatility to be a strong fit for modern NFL defenses that want to disguise assignments and create post-snap confusion for the quarterback. He needs to clean up his tackling and press-coverage technique and improve his eye discipline, but those technical improvements could make him an effective starter early in his career.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2021	4	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2022	13	27	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	2-34	1
2023	13	24	0.5-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2024	16	96	2.5-6	1.0-4	0	1-2	3-28	4
2025	12	74	2.0-5	0.0-0	3	0-1	1-2	1
Career	58	223	5.0-11	1.0-4	3	2-3	6-64	6

7 GENESIS SMITH

COLLEGE: ARIZONA
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 204 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS Smith brings ideal size and length to the back end of the defense, with the range and athleticism to cover a ton of ground. He's got the kind of fluidity you don't typically expect from a taller safety prospect, allowing him to make smooth transitions and shut down passing lanes. He's a smart, instinctive coverage player who understands route concepts and zone responsibilities at a high level, and he can close quickly to make seemingly open throws turn into pass breakups. He's versatile enough to line up all over the field, spending time in single-high alignments, down in the box, or in the slot. A respected leader in the locker room and on the field, Smith also brings valuable intangible qualities that coaches and teammates will love.

WEAKNESSES The biggest drawbacks with Smith's game are in the tackling department, where his technique and physicality are still a work in progress. He needs to improve his consistency when breaking down in space and bringing down the ball carrier, and his pursuit angles to the ball when flowing downhill need to get more precise. Smith can be too aggressive when flying down to the ball in the run game or when pursuing short catches, overrunning the play and giving up easy cutback lanes that lead to big yardage.

FINAL ANALYSIS The physical tools and mental prowess Smith brings to the game as a coverage player will always have a ton of value in the NFL, even if he's not the most complete player in other areas. Improving his tackling technique and processing as a run defender would make him more dangerous at the next level, but even as a pure coverage safety, Smith brings enough upside to warrant Day 2 consideration.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	13	24	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0
2024	12	63	3.5-9	0.0-0	0	2-1	3-17	6
2025	12	77	3.0-11	0.0-0	1	2-2	1-25	8
Career	37	164	6.5-20	0.0-0	1	4-3	5-42	14

8 JALON KILGORE

COLLEGE: SOUTH CAROLINA
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 207 | AGE: 21

STRENGTHS A heavy hitter who loves to drop the hammer, Kilgore has a strong frame, and he knows how to use it. He's the kind of presence that makes pass catchers think twice about going over the middle, and he knows how to separate them from the ball. Kilgore shows smooth transitions in coverage for a bigger defender, flowing smoothly in zone and sticking to his assignments in man. His physicality shows up at the catch point, too, where he's tough to overpower when the ball is in the air. As a run defender, Kilgore is explosive on his way downhill, and he's never afraid of traffic in the trenches. He has lined up all over the place, too, playing outside or in the slot as a corner, as well as down in the box or deep as a safety, bringing limitless versatility to the pros.

WEAKNESSES The biggest issues for Kilgore are technical, as he tends to rely on his physical traits to win most reps, and he needs to fine-tune many areas of his game. He can get too physical in coverage in a way that will lead to more frequent penalties in the NFL, and his footwork needs to be sharper when he's matching elite route-runners downfield. He loves to make big plays when the ball comes his way, but he's also a gambler who can give up big chunks when he guesses wrong or just is a hair late breaking on the ball.

FINAL ANALYSIS Kilgore's size, versatility and playmaking ability give him a ton of potential at multiple spots in the NFL. A creative defensive coordinator will love his ability to line up everywhere in the secondary, and his physical style of play can set the tone for the entire defense. He needs a ton of technical work to reach his ceiling, but he's got the talent to be a valuable weapon in the right spot.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	12	76	1.5-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	6
2024	13	48	3.0-9	0.0-0	3	0-0	5-68	5
2025	11	54	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-2	2-1	10
Career	36	178	4.5-13	0.0-0	4	0-2	8-69	21

9 BUD CLARK

COLLEGE: TCU
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 190 | AGE: 24

STRENGTHS Clark is an absolute ball hawk on the back end whose instincts and ball skills show up on the stat sheet (15 career interceptions) and make a massive impact for his defense. He uses his height and length to close down passing lanes and get his hands on a ton of passes, and he shows rare hip fluidity for a taller, leaner safety. That short-area quickness and smooth footwork give Clark the versatility to roll down into the slot and match up in man coverage with shifty receivers, and he uses his wingspan to overcome any size disadvantage when matched up with bigger tight ends. Clark was a multi-year team captain, and his leadership and intangibles give him a ton of added value as a teammate.

WEAKNESSES Though he's a willing participant in run support, Clark's lean frame works against him when asked to roll down into the box. He can struggle to keep his pads low and maintain leverage to stack and shed blocks, and bigger ball carriers can fight through his tackle attempts to gain extra yardage. In coverage, Clark's big-play ability comes with the risk of missed gambles when he gets caught with his eyes in the backfield, leaving him susceptible to big plays over the top on pump fakes and double-move routes.

FINAL ANALYSIS Some teams will see Clark's six years of college experience as a positive, but it could also lead to questions about his upside as an older prospect. His light frame and inconsistency as a tackler limit his versatility as a run defender, but his coverage skills as both a deep safety and in the slot will still be highly valued, especially with his knack for takeaways.

GRADE 4th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2020	10	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2021	4	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2022	12	45	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-1	5-83	5
2023	12	33	1.0-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	3-1	6
2024	12	67	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	3-3	3
2025	11	56	1.5-10	1.0-9	1	0-0	4-25	7
Career	61	214	3.5-15	1.0-9	1	1-1	15-112	21

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LOUIS MOORE

COLLEGE: INDIANA
HEIGHT: 5-11 | WEIGHT: 200 | AGE: 25

STRENGTHS A converted wide receiver, Moore lets his experience on the other side of the ball shine through in his ability to diagnose route combinations and track the ball downfield, plucking it out of the air when he gets the opportunity. He shows excellent awareness in zone coverage, reading opposing quarterbacks and making educated breaks on the ball. He's comfortable covering wide swaths of the field, and he has a solid frame that he's not afraid to use when it comes time to venture into the box as a run defender. He's fluid when changing direction in space, and he has the football IQ and intangibles you'd expect from someone who's played a ton of football and worked his way up from the junior-college ranks.

WEAKNESSES Moore's lateral movement skills in tight spaces can be tested by shifty slot receivers and athletic, savvy tight ends who can run polished routes and create separation at the top of their breaks. His lack of ideal length doesn't do him any favors at the line of scrimmage in press coverage, and it leads to missed tackles in run support despite his willingness to deliver physicality and contact. Moore turned 25 in January, making him one of the oldest prospects in the entire class, which could lead to doubts about his upside.

FINAL ANALYSIS The playmaking ability and experience Moore brings to the table will hold plenty of value with NFL clubs, but they'll have to weigh that against his physical limitations and the fact that he'll be pushing 30 when he's up for his second contract. His mental prowess and intangibles will be enough to warrant a roster spot as a valuable reserve and special-teamer, with the potential to make an impact in sub packages.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	12	9	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	1-0	0-0	0
2023	12	82	1.0-5	0.0-0	0	3-0	3-49	1
2024	11	36	2.0-5	0.5-2	0	0-1	0-0	1
2025	16	88	2.5-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	6-53	4
Career	51	215	6.5-23	1.5-12	0	4-1	9-102	6

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BISHOP FITZGERALD

COLLEGE: USC
HEIGHT: 5-11 | WEIGHT: 205 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Fitzgerald is a productive playmaker who knows how to get his hands on the ball and take it the other way. His instincts and ball skills made him a big-play machine for the Trojans, and his background as a high school quarterback is evident in the way he understands opposing offenses, from route combinations to reading the eyes and intentions of the passer. He shows impressive closing speed and range, covering large chunks of grass in short order to close down passing lanes and limit yards after the catch. Fitzgerald has strong spatial awareness in zone coverage, and he plays with the confidence that shows a high level of preparation and film work. When he's matched up in man coverage, Fitzgerald's competitiveness overrides his shorter frame, and he's not afraid to get physical at the catch point.

WEAKNESSES His competitive mentality is commendable, but Fitzgerald's physical limitations present serious challenges when he's matched up in man coverage against big slot receivers and tight ends who can box him out and force him into making too much contact and drawing flags. He's willing to contribute in run support, but his pursuit angles are inconsistent, and his tackling technique needs refinement if he wants to take on NFL ball carriers on his own.

FINAL ANALYSIS While his lack of size and limitations as a run defender are big question marks, NFL teams will always place a high value on smart, athletic playmakers on the back end who know how to create takeaways. Fitzgerald checks those boxes and should be able to make an immediate impact as a rotational player who makes the most of his opportunities when the ball comes his way.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2023	13	42	0.5-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	2-0	3
2024	13	55	7.0-10	0.0-0	2	1-0	3-47	8
2025	10	51	2.5-18	1.0-11	0	0-0	5-86	3
Career	36	148	10.0-28	1.0-11	2	1-0	10-133	14

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DeSHON SINGLETON

COLLEGE: NEBRASKA
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 210 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A physical enforcer over the middle and down in the box, Singleton isn't afraid to put his big frame on the line. He's a valuable run defender who uses his size and length to shed blocks and keep himself free to make tackles, and he maximizes those same physical tools when tasked with man coverage against tight ends and bigger slot receivers downfield. He's shown flashes of playmaking ability in coverage, with the instincts and ball skills to create takeaways when the opportunities present themselves, and he's competitive at the line of scrimmage. He's a sound tackler who can break down in space and limit yards after contact, and he's not afraid to play in the trenches and make plays in the backfield.

WEAKNESSES Like many bigger defensive backs, Singleton can struggle to flip his hips in coverage, especially when tasked with matching elite route-runners with top-shelf lateral quickness coming in and out of breaks. His physicality in coverage could be penalized more heavily by NFL officials, and he needs to be more consistent with keeping his hips and pads low when rolling downhill and attacking the ball. With some serious injuries in his career, Singleton could have some durability questions at the next level.

FINAL ANALYSIS The size and physicality Singleton brings to the table are enticing, and those flashes of playmaking ability in coverage give him intriguing potential. Avoiding another significant injury will obviously be key to his success at the next level, but Singleton's physical traits and tackling prowess will be enough to get him on the field early on special teams, and he could eventually develop into starting material under the right coaching staff.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	12	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	5	19	2.5-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1
2024	13	71	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-1	1-7	3
2025	12	70	4.0-17	1.0-9	2	0-1	2-7	4
Career	42	163	7.5-21	1.0-9	2	0-2	3-14	8

13 VJ PAYNE

COLLEGE: KANSAS STATE
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 208 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Fast and physical, Payne possesses a combination of size and athleticism that jumps off the screen often when you turn on his tape. He provides a long, rangy presence in coverage on the back end, covering ground quickly with long strides and using his length to force incompletions in contested-catch situations. His size enables him to hold his own as a run defender down near the trenches, and he uses his big frame and massive wingspan to overwhelm smaller pass catchers at the line of scrimmage when lined up in the slot. He's a hard-hitting presence at the point of attack, and he isn't shy about throwing his body around.

WEAKNESSES He's a willing tackler who plays tough, but Payne needs to be more consistent with his technique if he wants to develop into a surer tackler on a regular basis. He's shown flashes of fluidity you typically don't see with bigger defensive backs, but there are still too many moments where you see him losing the fight to keep his hips down and his pads low as he works through his transitions in coverage, which can lead to easy separation against savvy route-runners.

FINAL ANALYSIS There's some refinement needed here if he wants to develop into a more complete defender at the next level, but all the physical tools are there to give Payne a solid floor and a promising ceiling. In the right landing spot, Payne could eventually polish his technique and become starting material, and he's got everything he needs to make an immediate impact on special teams in the meantime.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	14	27	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0-0	0-0	0
2023	13	57	3.0-6	0.0-0	0	0-1	1-17	3
2024	13	64	3.5-3	0.0-0	0	2-0	2-24	4
2025	12	59	3.0-4	0.0-0	0	2-0	1-0	3
Career	52	207	10.5-17	1.0-4	0	4-1	4-41	10

14 MICHAEL TAAFFE

COLLEGE: TEXAS
HEIGHT: 6-0 | WEIGHT: 189 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS A savvy playmaker with the versatility to handle multiple roles in the secondary, Taaffe is comfortable in space and can line up in the slot or roll down into the box when necessary. He's quick to break down what the offense is showing and communicate pre-snap adjustments to his teammates, and he also has the instincts and ball skills to create splash plays. Taaffe handles man coverage responsibilities with ease when lined up in the slot, and his awareness and preparation keep him a step ahead when reading and reacting in zone. He's got a ton of experience on various special teams units, and he plays every snap with the grit and competitiveness you'd expect from a former walk-on who worked his way all the way up to earning All-America honors.

WEAKNESSES He has cornerback skills, but also a cornerback's frame, and that lack of bulk limits his effectiveness as a run defender. It's a challenge for him to stack and shed blocks, and bigger running backs and tight ends can run through his solo tackle attempts for extra yardage. Taaffe's limited straight-line speed poses challenges when carrying deep crossers out of the slot in man coverage, and physical pass catchers can outmuscle him on 50/50 balls. His pursuit angles still need refining, as he can overrun the ball and leave open cutbacks lanes.

FINAL ANALYSIS Taaffe's combination of playmaking instincts, intelligence, versatility and toughness is sure to make him a favorite among many decision-makers in the NFL throughout the pre-draft process. There are athletic limitations that could cap his upside, but he's got immediate value as a core special-teamer and sub-package defender on passing downs.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2022	13	26	0.5-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1
2023	14	48	2.5-6	0.0-0	1	0-0	3-45	2
2024	16	78	5.5-24	2.0-15	1	1-1	2-9	10
2025	10	70	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0-0	2-0	1
Career	53	222	9.5-40	3.0-25	2	1-1	7-54	14

15 COLE WISNIEWSKI

COLLEGE: TEXAS TECH
HEIGHT: 6-4 | WEIGHT: 220 | AGE: 23

STRENGTHS Wisniewski's huge frame stands out immediately when you turn on the tape, and he knows how to use it. He's a valuable asset in run support, unafraid to mix it up in the box and take on blocks with physicality, stacking and shedding on his way to the ball carrier. His comfort level in the run game reflects his experience at linebacker, and he shows impressive range and spatial awareness when taking pursuit angles to the ball. His size allows him to match up well with tight ends in man coverage, and he's competitive at the catch point, using his height and length to frustrate opponents in contested-catch situations. Wisniewski is a sure tackler who can break down in space, and his natural physical tools allow him to bring down runners on his own to limit additional yardage.

WEAKNESSES While he can match up with bigger, more physical pass catchers in coverage, Wisniewski can struggle when forced to line up in the slot against fast, shifty receivers. His tall frame makes it difficult for him to keep his pads low through his backpedal, and he lacks the short-area burst to match sharp route-runners who can teleport in and out of their breaks, challenging his hip fluidity. Wisniewski missed the entire 2024 season following foot surgery, so durability could be a question at the next level.

FINAL ANALYSIS A two-time FCS national champion at North Dakota State before transferring to Texas Tech, Wisniewski has a unique skill set that's sure to intrigue the NFL's more creative defensive coordinators. There's no doubt he'll have immediate special teams value, but the right staff and scheme could maximize his size, versatility and instincts in various sub-package looks.

GRADE 5th Round

YEAR	G	T	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	QBH	FF-FR	INT-YDS	PBU
2020	10	23	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0
2021	15	53	2.5-9	1.0-6	4	2-0	0-0	2
2022	8	27	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-1	0-0	0
2023	14	92	2.0-7	0.0-0	0	1-0	8-239	5
2025	14	78	6.0-14	1.0-3	0	2-1	0-0	6
Career	61	273	11.5-31	2.0-9	4	5-2	8-239	13

SPECIALISTS

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1 RYAN ECKLEY (P)

COLLEGE: MICHIGAN STATE
HEIGHT: 6-2 | WEIGHT: 207 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Eckley led the FBS in 2025 with an average of 48.5 yards per punt, and his career average of 47.6 is the highest mark in Big Ten history, showing off a huge leg that consistently flips the field. He also has the ability to pin teams deep, with 34% of his kicks landing inside the opponents' 20-yard line, 27 of those inside the 10.

WEAKNESSES There aren't any glaring issues with Eckley, but his net average was barely over 40 yards per kick in 2025, noticeably lower than the other punters at the top of the overall distance leaderboard. That could obviously be an issue with the coverage team, but it could also indicate a need for Eckley not to outkick his coverage.

FINAL ANALYSIS He's got a big leg and knows how to pin opposing teams deep in their own territory, and those are the two most important boxes to check for a punting prospect. Teams looking for a better field-position advantage should have Eckley at the top of their board for punters, and he should be a solid pick in the later rounds.

GRADE 7th Round

YEAR	G	PUNTS	YDS	AVG	LONG	TB	FC	IN 20	50+	BLKD
2022	1	1	41	41.0	41	0	0	0	0	0
2023	12	56	2,615	46.7	67	2	21	24	24	0
2024	12	43	2,060	47.9	61	4	9	6	20	0
2025	12	49	2,378	48.5	60	1	11	20	23	0
Career	37	149	7,094	47.6	67	7	41	50	67	0

2 DREW STEVENS (K)

COLLEGE: IOWA
HEIGHT: 6-1 | WEIGHT: 205 | AGE: 22

STRENGTHS Stevens is a valuable weapon from deep, hitting four field goals of more than 54 yards last season, including a career-high 58-yarder. He's also got a knack for coming through in clutch situations, hitting game-winners on four separate occasions for the Hawkeyes. Stevens can also handle kickoff duties, with 36 of his 78 kickoffs last season resulting in touchbacks.

WEAKNESSES Accuracy has been inconsistent for Stevens over his four years at Iowa. His field-gold percentage has fluctuated from a career-high 88.9 as a freshman down to 69.2 as a sophomore the following season. He rebounded to 87 and 78.6, respectively, the past two seasons, but that wide range of outcomes could lead to concerns about his ability to deliver consistent results at the next level.

FINAL ANALYSIS If he can become more consistent with his accuracy, Stevens has the power to hit from distance and the fortitude to deliver when the game is on the line. With a strong position coach, Stevens could develop into a valuable scoring weapon in the NFL.

GRADE 7th Round

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	LONG	PAT	PTS
2022	13	16	18	88.9	54	24	72
2023	14	18	26	69.2	53	19	73
2024	13	20	23	87.0	54	40	100
2025	13	22	28	78.6	58	41	107
Career	53	76	95	80.0	58	124	352

3 WILL FERRIN (K)

COLLEGE: BYU
HEIGHT: 6-3 | WEIGHT: 175 | AGE: 24

STRENGTHS Ferrin had long stretches of consistency for the Cougars, setting school records with 25 consecutive field goals and 87 straight extra-point conversions. Out of 123 attempts, the only missed extra point in Ferris' career happened in 2023. He's also a weapon from long distance, with a track record of nailing kicks from beyond 50 yards, including a career-high 56-yarder last year.

WEAKNESSES His field-goal accuracy has waffled a bit over time at BYU, jumping from 78.6% in 2023 to a career-best 88.9 the following year, but it dipped back down to 76.7 last season. Ferrin has shown flashes of being able to deliver in the clutch (like his game-winner against Utah in 2024), but he's been inconsistent in that area, with a handful of his misses last season coming in key moments of close games.

FINAL ANALYSIS After two years of just handling kickoffs at Boise State, Ferrin spent the past three years at BYU proving he could be a valuable scorer in the kicking game. He can deliver from 50-plus yards when necessary, and with more accuracy and consistency, Ferrin could carve out a long career at the next level.

GRADE 7th Round

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	LONG	PAT	PTS
2021	3	0	0	0.0	0	0	0
2022	7	0	0	0.0	0	0	0
2023	12	11	14	78.6	49	32	65
2024	13	24	27	88.9	54	41	113
2025	14	23	30	76.7	56	49	118
Career	49	58	71	81.7	56	122	296

BILLS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 26

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Maxwell Hairston, CB**	Kentucky	30
2024	**None**		
2023	**Dalton Kincaid, TE**	Utah	25
2022	**Kaiir Elam, CB**	Florida	23
2021	**Greg Rousseau, DE**	Miami (Fla.)	30
2020	**None**		
2019	**Ed Oliver, DT**	Houston	9
2018	**Josh Allen, QB**	Wyoming	7
	Tremaine Edmunds, LB	Virginia Tech	16
2017	**Tre'Davious White, CB**	LSU	27
2016	**Shaq Lawson, DE**	Clemson	19

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	12-5 (2nd AFC East)
2024	13-4 (1st AFC East)
2023	11-6 (T-1st AFC East)
2022	13-3 (1st AFC East)
2021	11-6 (1st AFC East)

Keon Coleman, WR

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

WR The Bills are still searching for a true No. 1 target for Josh Allen, and it remains their biggest need heading into the 2026 offseason. Keon Coleman was supposed to be that missing piece, but two seasons into his NFL career, he has yet to develop into a go-to player. This offense has some solid role-players among its pass catchers, but nobody who can take over a game.

EDGE There's already a lack of high-impact pass rushers on this roster, and free agency is likely to make that need even worse. Buffalo needs to take advantage of a deep class of edge defenders and find someone who can consistently get after opposing quarterbacks if the Bills lose multiple starters to the open market.

LB Injuries haven't helped this unit recently, and Buffalo's best linebackers aren't getting any younger. Matt Milano and Shaq Thompson are both north of 30 and set to hit free agency, leaving the Bills with a lack of depth and experience at the second level of their defense. Finding high-upside talent to reload and upgrade here is a must.

DB At corner, the Bills have one of the league's better slot defenders in Taron Johnson, but they need long-term upgrades over an aging Tre'Davious White and a streaky Christian Benford on the outside. At safety, Cole Bishop made a solid leap in 2025, but veteran Jordan Poyer will need to be replaced.

DOLPHINS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 11

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Kenneth Grant, DT**	Michigan	13
2024	**Chop Robinson, Edge**	Penn State	21
2023	**None**		
2022	**None**		
2021	**Jaylen Waddle, WR**	Alabama	6
	Jaelan Phillips, DE	Miami (Fla.)	18
2020	**Tua Tagovailoa, QB**	Alabama	5
	Austin Jackson, OT	USC	18
	Noah Igbinoghene, CB	Auburn	30
2019	**Christian Wilkins, DT**	Clemson	13
2018	**Minkah Fitzpatrick, S**	Alabama	11
2017	**Charles Harris, LB**	Missouri	22
2016	**Laremy Tunsil, OT**	Ole Miss	13

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	7-10 (3rd AFC East)
2024	8-9 (2nd AFC East)
2023	11-6 (T-1st AFC East)
2022	9-8 (2nd AFC East)
2021	9-8 (3rd AFC East)

Jaylen Waddle, WR

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

CB After trading away Jalen Ramsey, the Dolphins left their defense without a true shutdown corner who can erase an opposing team's No. 1 receiver. This year's CB class has plenty of worthy candidates with that kind of potential, as well as some intriguing options on Day 2 and beyond.

OL No matter who ends up throwing passes in Miami this year, the offensive line needs to be upgraded if the Dolphins want that quarterback to succeed. Outside of Aaron Brewer (arguably the best center in the game right now), the Dolphins need to make efforts to upgrade or add solid competition to every other spot in the offensive trenches.

WR It's likely Tyreek Hill will be playing elsewhere this season, but even if he returns, he'll be 32 and coming off another serious injury. Miami will need another starting-caliber wide receiver who can line up across from Jaylen Waddle and make defenses pay for rolling coverages to his side of the field.

QB Moving on from Tua Tagovailoa would carry significant financial consequences, and there's a legitimate glass-half-full perspective on his ability based on the flashes of success he's had in the past. But his inconsistent play, history of head injuries and a new coaching staff could force the Dolphins to look for a new franchise passer, regardless of the salary cap impact.

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PATRIOTS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 31/32*

*Pending at press time

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Will Campbell, OT**	LSU	4
2024	**Drake Maye, QB**	North Carolina	3
2023	**Christian Gonzalez, CB**	Oregon	17
2022	**Cole Strange, G**	Chattanooga	29
2021	**Mac Jones, QB**	Alabama	15
2020	**None**		
2019	**N'Keal Harry, WR**	Arizona State	32
2018	**Isaiah Wynn, OT**	Georgia	23
	Sony Michel, RB	Georgia	31
2017	**None**		
2016	**None**		

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	14-3 (1st AFC East)
2024	4-13 (4th AFC East)
2023	4-13 (4th AFC East)
2022	8-9 (3rd AFC East)
2021	10-7 (2nd AFC East)

Milton Williams, DE

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

EDGE The Pats' front seven is anchored by Milton Williams inside, but they don't have anyone who can play with that level of dominance off the edge. Finding an impact player who can take over games and make clutch sacks on third downs would help take head coach Mike Vrabel's defense to the next level after an inconsistent first season on that side of the ball.

LB If anyone knows the value a versatile, hard-hitting linebacker can bring to a defense, it's Vrabel, who provided that presence throughout his playing career in New England. Now, the Pats have some solid veterans who have been holding down the fort at the second level, but they need a cornerstone they can build around at the heart of the defense.

WR/TE At wide receiver, there's some promising young talent (Kayshon Boutte, Kyle Williams), and Stefon Diggs has been clutch down the stretch. But Diggs is 32, and the Pats shouldn't avoid adding another high-upside playmaker to the group. Starting tight end Hunter Henry is 31, and backup Austin Hooper is set to hit free agency, so a youth movement is needed there, too.

OL Left tackle Will Campbell showed flashes of brilliance throughout his rookie season prior to getting injured, but the rest of this unit still needs work if the Pats want to keep Drake Maye protected for the long haul. A long-term upgrade for Morgan Moses at right tackle should be a top priority, and the interior needs help, too.

JETS

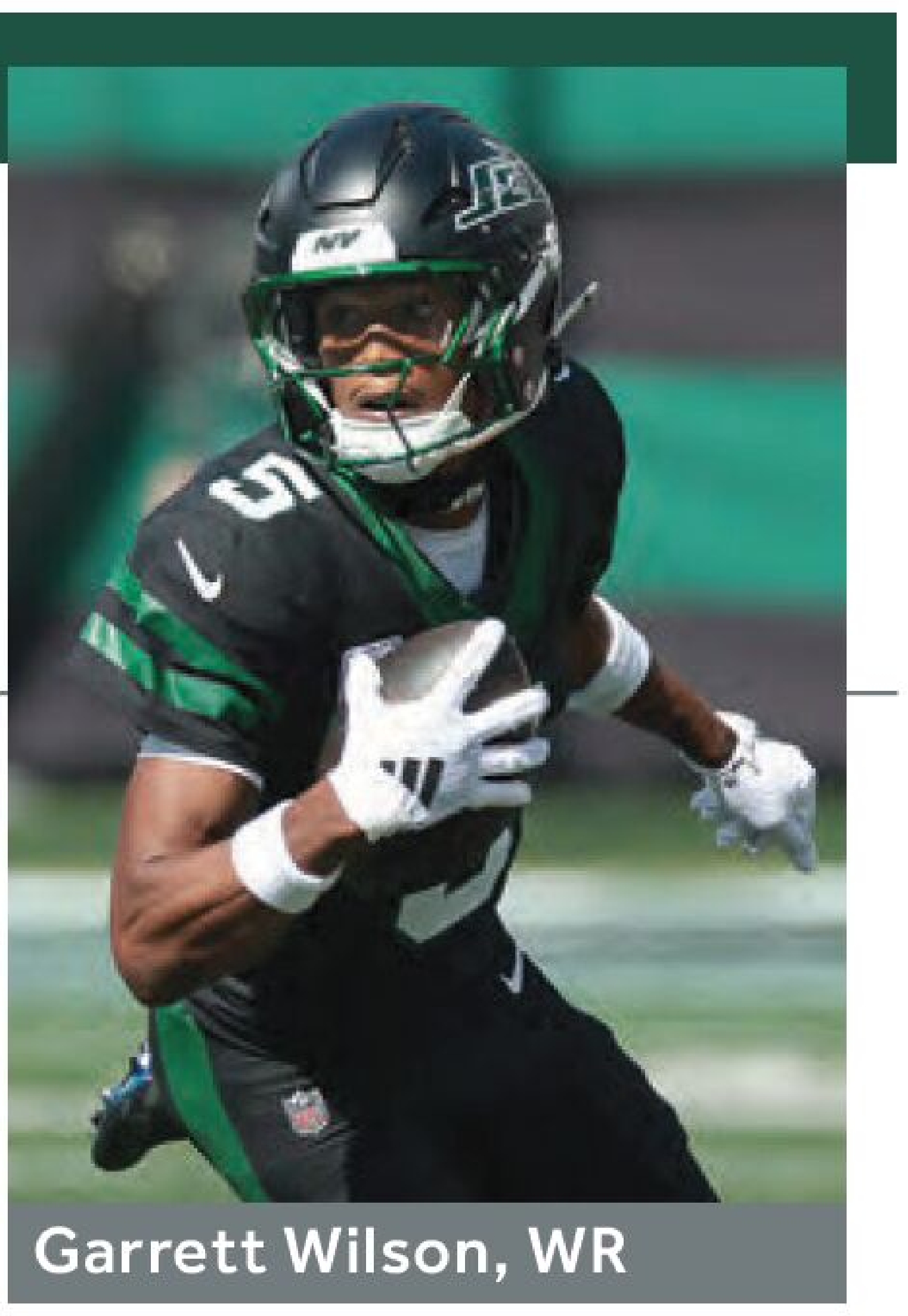
2026 FIRST-ROUND PICKS: NOS. 2, 16

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Armand Membou, OT**	Missouri	7
2024	**Olumuyiwa Fashanu, OT**	Penn State	11
2023	**Will McDonald IV, DE**	Iowa State	15
2022	**Sauce Gardner, CB**	Cincinnati	4
	Garrett Wilson, WR	Ohio State	10
	Jermaine Johnson II, DE	Florida State	26
2021	**Zach Wilson, QB**	BYU	2
	Alijah Vera-Tucker, G	USC	14
2020	**Mekhi Becton, OT**	Louisville	11
2019	**Quinnen Williams, DT**	Alabama	3
2018	**Sam Darnold, QB**	USC	3
2017	**Jamal Adams, S**	LSU	6
2016	**Darron Lee, LB**	Ohio State	20

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	3-14 (4th AFC East)
2024	5-12 (3rd AFC East)
2023	7-10 (3rd AFC East)
2022	7-10 (4th AFC East)
2021	4-13 (4th AFC East)



Garrett Wilson, WR

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

QB It's unlikely that what the Jets saw from Justin Fields last season was enough to keep them from looking for a long-term upgrade at the game's most important position. There's nobody in this class worth taking at No. 2 overall now that Oregon's Dante Moore is going back to school (assuming Fernando Mendoza is off the board), but New York could have some intriguing options at No. 16 overall, and on Day 2.

CB Trading away Sauce Gardner left the Jets without a true shutdown corner, and with a pair of first-round picks (as well as the first pick in the second round), they should have an opportunity to land a high-quality starter with potential. It's unlikely that player will be the top-five talent that Gardner was in his draft class, but there are tons of promising options.

WR Garrett Wilson is one of the better young receivers in the league, but the Jets don't have another pass catcher who can really scare opposing defenses when they're doubling Wilson and sending safety help to his side of the field. They need a high-end WR2 who can win 1-on-1 opportunities on the outside.

DL Much like the Gardner trade, the Jets' decision to send Quinnen Williams to Dallas leaves them in desperate need of a disruptive force along the interior of their defensive line. They won't find another Williams with that pick in the middle of the second round, but the options at No. 16 and No. 33 overall should be strong.

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RAVENS

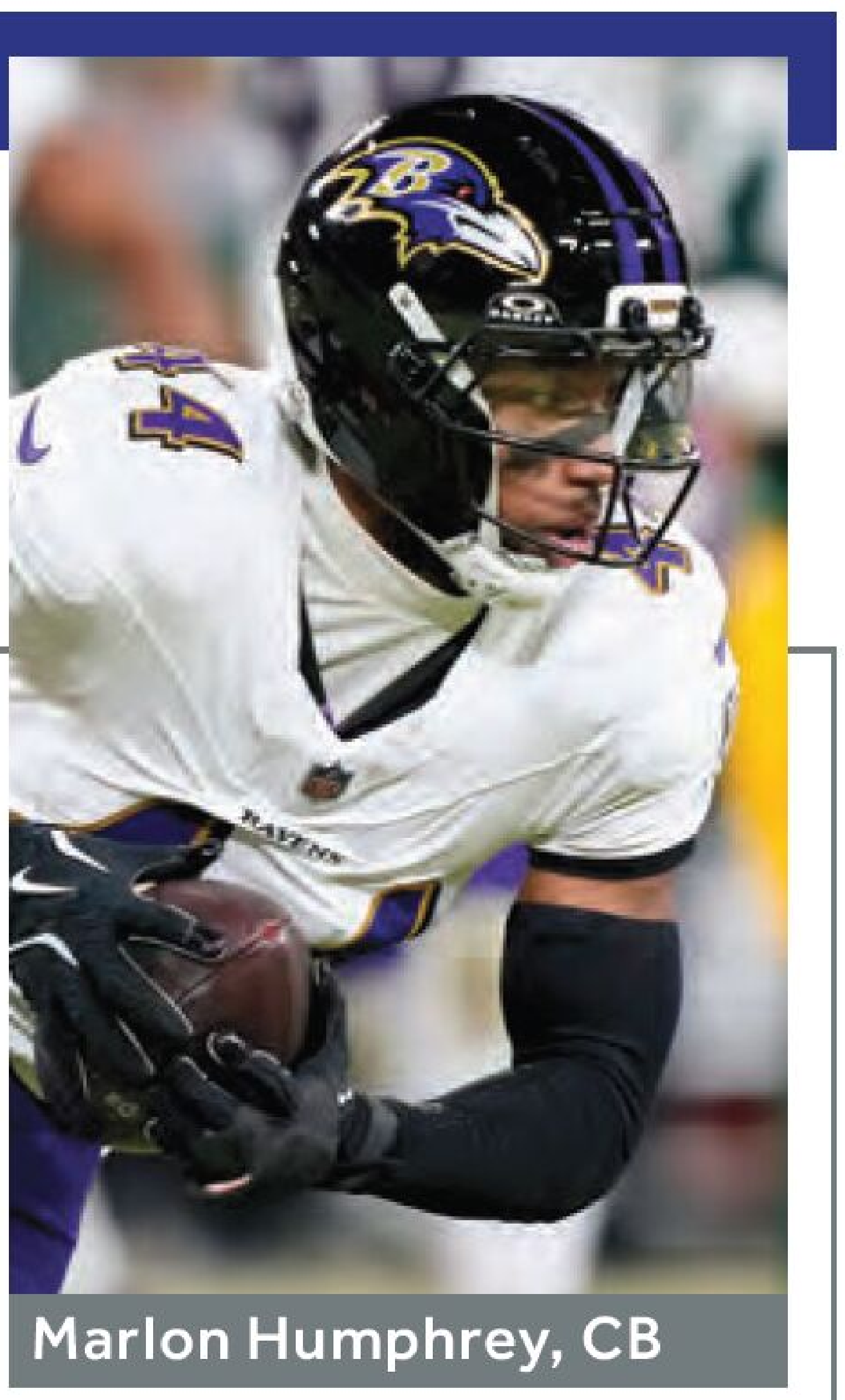
2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 14

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Malaki Starks, S**	Georgia	27
2024	**Nate Wiggins, CB**	Clemson	30
2023	**Zay Flowers, WR**	Boston College	22
2022	**Kyle Hamilton, S**	Notre Dame	14
	Tyler Linderbaum, C	Iowa	25
2021	**Rashod Bateman, WR**	Minnesota	27
	Odafe Oweh, DE	Penn State	31
2020	**Patrick Queen, LB**	LSU	28
2019	**Marquise Brown, WR**	Oklahoma	25
2018	**Hayden Hurst, TE**	South Carolina	25
	Lamar Jackson, QB	Louisville	32
2017	**Marlon Humphrey, CB**	Alabama	16
2016	**Ronnie Stanley, OT**	Notre Dame	6

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	8-9 (2nd AFC North)
2024	12-5 (1st AFC North)
2023	13-4 (1st AFC North)
2022	10-7 (2nd AFC North)
2021	8-9 (T-3rd AFC North)


Marlon Humphrey, CB

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

EDGE This entire defense needs more playmakers across the board, but it has to start up front, where the Ravens simply don't have an edge rusher who can strike fear into the hearts of opposing tackles and quarterbacks. Adding a quality veteran and spending an early pick on a talented rookie should be at the top of their wish list.

OL Whether it's protecting Lamar Jackson and keeping him healthy, or ensuring that the ground game remains dominant, the Ravens have to keep investing premium resources into the offensive line. Left tackle Ronnie Stanley is turning 32 and has been banged up, and both guard spots could use long-term upgrades.

CB Marlon Humphrey is a solid presence in the slot, but he turns 30 this year and could start to regress. Nate Wiggins has flashed shutdown potential on the outside, but the Ravens could use another corner of his caliber to line up on the other side of the field to keep opposing quarterbacks from simply avoiding him.

WR Zay Flowers is an explosive playmaker who can make big things happen down the field and after the catch, but if the Ravens want to get the most out of Jackson as a passer, they need to give him another high-end target. Ideally, they would add a bigger, more physical receiver to complement Flowers' skill set and give Jackson a go-to target on third downs and in the red zone.

BENGALS

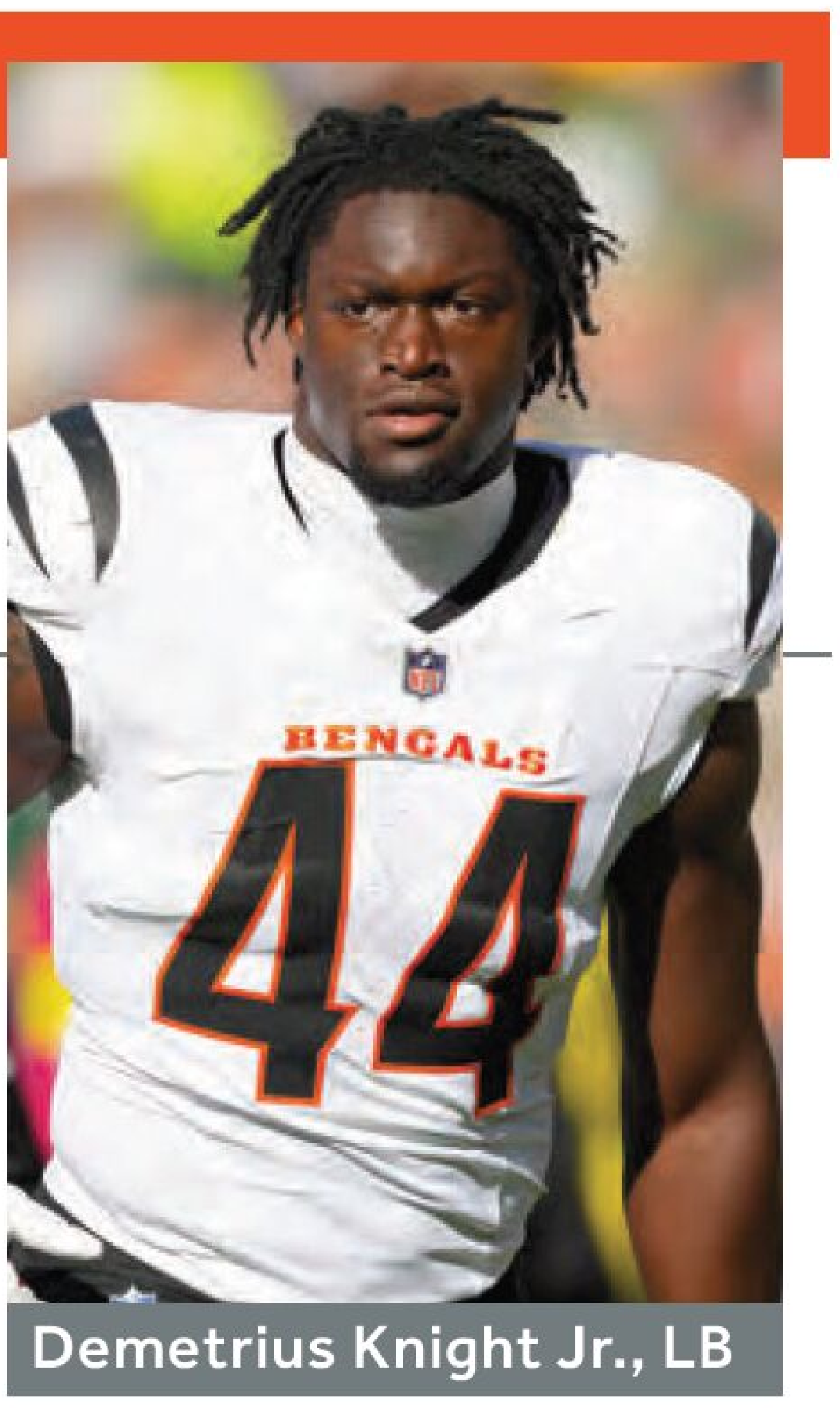
2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 10

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Shemar Stewart, DE**	Texas A&M	17
2024	**Amarius Mims, OT**	Georgia	18
2023	**Myles Murphy, DE**	Clemson	28
2022	**Dax Hill, S**	Michigan	31
2021	**Ja'Marr Chase, WR**	LSU	5
2020	**Joe Burrow, QB**	LSU	1
2019	**Jonah Williams, OT**	Alabama	11
2018	**Billy Price, C**	Ohio State	21
2017	**John Ross III, WR**	Washington	9
2016	**William Jackson III, CB**	Houston	24

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	6-11 (3rd AFC North)
2024	9-8 (3rd AFC North)
2023	9-8 (4th AFC North)
2022	12-4 (1st AFC North)
2021	10-7 (1st AFC North)


Demetrius Knight Jr., LB

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

DL This entire defense needs a ton of help at every level, but the rebuild has to start in the trenches. The biggest need is along the interior, where the Bengals don't have a consistent run-stuffing presence, nor a disruptive inside pass-rusher. Double-dipping on defensive line prospects to fill both roles shouldn't be out of the question.

DB Dax Hill and DJ Turner have slowly turned into one of the league's more underrated cornerback tandems, but the Bengals could still use another quality starter at the position for when they're in nickel personnel. The bigger need is at safety, though, where Cincy lacks a true difference-maker who can make big plays against both the run and pass.

EDGE Shemar Stewart still has a sky-high ceiling, but the Bengals will need to show patience with his development as he refines his technique and learns to maximize his physical traits. Regardless of what happens with Trey Hendrickson, the team needs to plan for the future beyond Hendrickson's tenure with the Bengals and target another high-end edge player.

LB Yes, the Bengals invested multiple picks in last year's draft at this position. Both Demetrius Knight Jr. and Barrett Carter had their moments, but they were also wildly inconsistent. They still have the potential to develop into effective starters, but this unit needs a veteran presence to raise the floor for this position group.

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BROWNS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICKS: NOS. 6, 24

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Mason Graham, DT**	Michigan	5
2024	**None**		
2023	**None**		
2022	**None**		
2021	**Greg Newsome II, CB**	Northwestern	26
2020	**Jedrick Wills Jr., OT**	Alabama	10
2019	**None**		
2018	**Baker Mayfield, QB**	Oklahoma	1
	Denzel Ward, CB	Ohio State	4
2017	**Myles Garrett, DE**	Texas A&M	1
	Jabrill Peppers, S	Michigan	25
	David Njoku, TE	Miami (Fla.)	29
2016	**Corey Coleman, WR**	Baylor	15

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	5-12 (4th AFC North)
2024	3-14 (4th AFC North)
2023	11-6 (2nd AFC North)
2022	7-10 (4th AFC North)
2021	8-9 (T-3rd AFC North)

Denzel Ward, CB

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

OL This unit has some aging and expensive veterans, and some young players who just haven't proven that they can be consistent, reliable starters. Both tackle spots could use immediate and long-term upgrades, and Joel Bitonio is the only interior blocker with a proven track record of success.

WR There are a couple of solid role players in this group, but if the Browns want the most out of their passing game, they need a true No. 1 receiver who can bring more consistency and high-level play than they've gotten from Jerry Jeudy up to this point. With multiple first-round picks in this draft, don't be surprised if they spend one on a big-time playmaker for the offense.

QB It's hard to truly get a gauge for what the Browns have in either of their 2025 draft picks given the supporting cast they had to work with. But having only invested third-round and fifth-round picks in Dillon Gabriel and Shedeur Sanders, respectively, the Browns shouldn't pass up a potential upgrade just because they just picked that pair a year prior.

CB Denzel Ward is still one of the best corners in the league, and Tyson Campbell looked solid after arriving from Jacksonville via trade last year. But Martin Emerson Jr. is headed for free agency, and even if he were to return, he's coming off a torn Achilles. This defense doesn't need much, but finding a high-upside prospect to develop as their CB3 behind Ward and Campbell would be helpful.

STEELERS

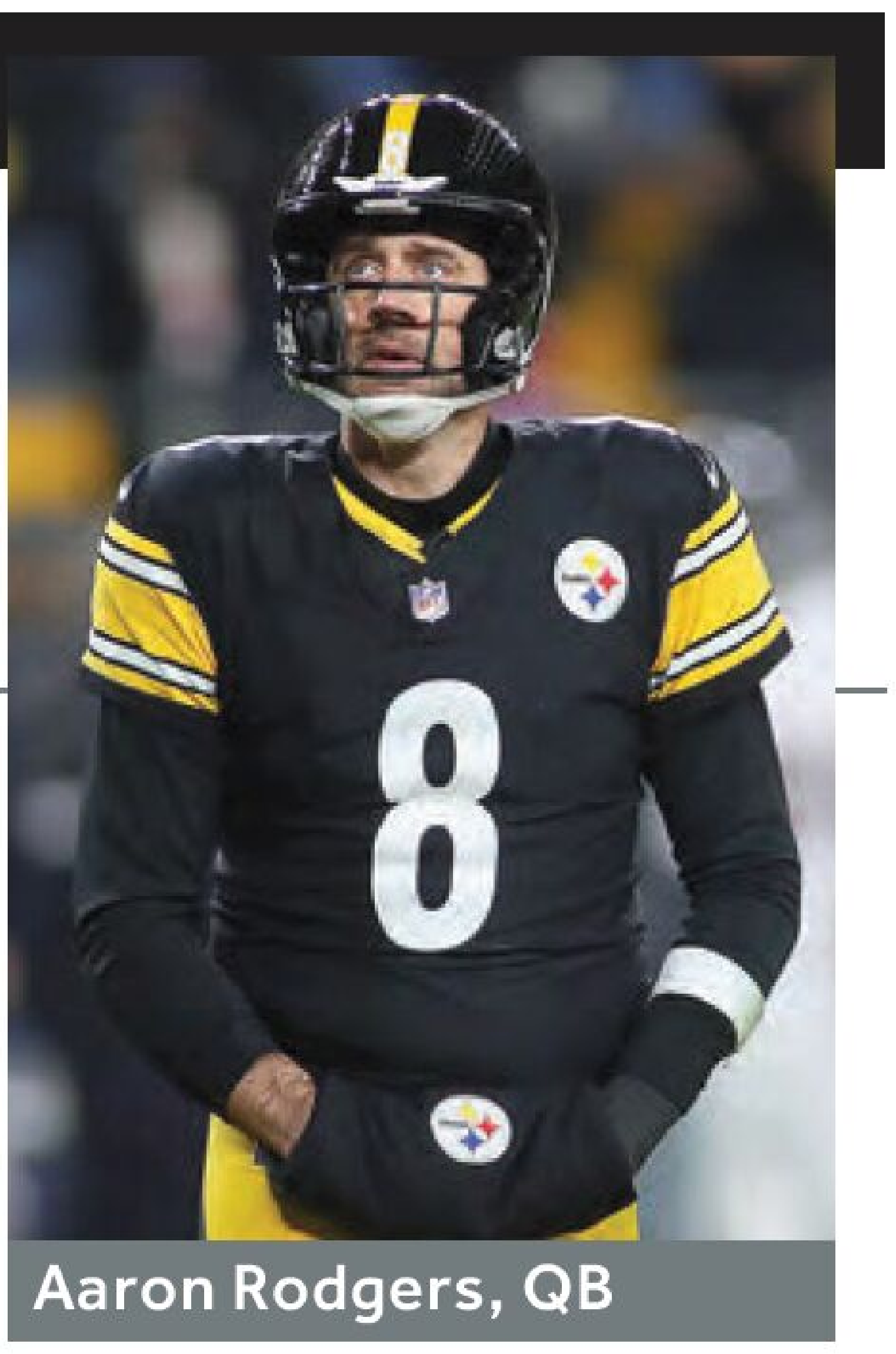
2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 21

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Derrick Harmon, DT**	Oregon	21
2024	**Troy Fautanu, OT**	Washington	20
2023	**Broderick Jones, OT**	Georgia	14
2022	**Kenny Pickett, QB**	Pitt	20
2021	**Najee Harris, RB**	Alabama	24
2020	**None**		
2019	**Devin Bush Jr., LB**	Michigan	10
2018	**Terrell Edmunds, S**	Virginia Tech	28
2017	**T.J. Watt, LB**	Wisconsin	30
2016	**Artie Burns, CB**	Miami (Fla.)	25

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	10-7 (1st AFC North)
2024	10-7 (2nd AFC North)
2023	10-7 (3rd AFC North)
2022	9-8 (3rd AFC North)
2021	9-7-1 (2nd AFC North)


Aaron Rodgers, QB

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

QB It'll be another offseason of quarterback questions for the Steelers, who don't have a long-term option at the position beyond a 2025 Day 3 pick in Will Howard. Aaron Rodgers' return felt unlikely after Mike Tomlin's departure but now feels like the most sensible direction after the hiring of Mike McCarthy as head coach. If Rodgers is back, the Steelers may punt on adding another passer this year, but they need a plan for the future.

WR DK Metcalf made a huge impact in his first season in Pittsburgh after being traded from Seattle, but the rest of the receiver room leaves much to be desired and could never fully take advantage of the attention opposing defenses sent Metcalf's way. The Steelers need a No. 2 target who can take advantage of 1-on-1 opportunities and create more big plays for the passing game.

DB Joey Porter Jr. has become a solid presence on the outside, and Jalen Ramsey was a helpful veteran addition and can play multiple spots. But the Steelers could use another high-end outside corner to line up across from Porter, as well as more playmakers at safety and in the slot, if they want their defense to keep performing at a high level.

OL There's some promise here after a ton of recent investments with early draft picks, but that shouldn't prevent the Steelers from continuing to load the trenches with as much talent as possible. Even if veteran left guard Isaac Seumalo returns on a new contract, he'll turn 33 in October, so a younger replacement with a higher ceiling could be added.

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TEXANS

HOU

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 28

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**None**		
2024	**None**		
2023	**C.J. Stroud, QB**	Ohio State	2
	Will Anderson Jr., LB	Alabama	3
2022	**Derek Stingley Jr., CB**	LSU	3
	Kenyon Green, G	Texas A&M	15
2021	**None**		
2020	**None**		
2019	**Tytus Howard, OT**	Alabama State	23
2018	**None**		
2017	**Deshaun Watson, QB**	Clemson	12
2016	**Will Fuller V, WR**	Notre Dame	21

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	12-5 (2nd AFC South)
2024	10-7 (1st AFC South)
2023	10-7 (1st AFC South)
2022	3-13-1 (4th AFC South)
2021	4-13 (3rd AFC South)

Azeez Al-Shaair, LB

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

OL Last offseason, the Texans made the puzzling decision to trade away one of the league's best left tackles in Laremy Tunsil, despite the fact that the rest of the offensive line was already a huge liability. Rookie second-round pick Aireontae Ersery showed some promise in his stead, but the rest of this unit still needs upgrades across the board.

DL This defense has been one of the league's best under head coach DeMeco Ryans, but there are still a few upgrades that could help make it even better. They could use a truly dominant and disruptive interior presence who can consistently blow up running plays in the backfield and push the pocket from the inside in the pass rush.

LB Azeez Al-Shaair earned his first career Pro Bowl nod with an impressive 2025 campaign, but he's heading into the final year of his contract, and the Texans don't have another reliable presence at linebacker currently on the roster. Christian Harris has yet to develop into that player, and it might be time for Houston to take another swing early in the draft.

RB Woody Marks showed some flashes of brilliance in his rookie season, and Nick Chubb was a solid veteran addition, but neither should keep the Texans from trying to add more firepower to their offensive backfield. C.J. Stroud needs as much help as he can get, and finding a complete, three-down back who can help balance the offense could be a priority.

COLTS

IND

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NONE

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Tyler Warren, TE**	Penn State	14
2024	**Laiatu Latu, Edge**	UCLA	15
2023	**Anthony Richardson, QB**	Florida	4
2022	**None**		
2021	**Kwity Paye, DE**	Michigan	21
2020	**None**		
2019	**None**		
2018	**Quenton Nelson, G**	Notre Dame	6
2017	**Malik Hooker, S**	Ohio State	15
2016	**Ryan Kelly, C**	Alabama	18

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	8-9 (3rd AFC South)
2024	8-9 (2nd AFC South)
2023	9-8 (T-2nd AFC South)
2022	4-12-1 (3rd AFC South)
2021	9-8 (2nd AFC South)

Zaire Franklin, LB

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

QB Daniel Jones was impressive over the first half of the 2025 season, but he was on a one-year deal and will be coming off a season-ending torn Achilles. Anthony Richardson also missed the entire season due to injury, leaving the Colts without a surefire starter for the present as well as a plan for the future at the game's most important position.

DL Indy has one of the league's best and most experienced defensive tackle tandems in DeForest Buckner and Grover Stewart, but they can't play forever. On the edges of the defensive front, 2024 first-rounder Laiatu Latu has shown flashes of Pro Bowl potential, but the Colts need another blue-chip talent across from him to create 1-on-1 matchups and exploit them.

LB Zaire Franklin didn't play up to the level we've come to expect from him in 2025, and he turns 30 this summer, so it makes sense to wonder if that trend will continue beyond last season. The Colts don't have another high-end linebacker on the roster right now, but they'll have to wait until at least Day 2 to invest in one, since they don't have a first-round pick.

OL Right tackle Braden Smith is headed for free agency, and even if he re-signs, he's turning 30 and has been nagged by injuries and inconsistent play recently. The Colts could move Matt Goncalves over to fill his spot, but then they would need to replace him at guard.

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JAGUARS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NONE

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Travis Hunter, CB/WR**	Colorado	2
2024	**Brian Thomas Jr., WR**	LSU	23
2023	**Anton Harrison, OT**	Oklahoma	27
2022	**Travon Walker, DE**	Georgia	1
	Devin Lloyd, LB	Utah	27
2021	**Trevor Lawrence, QB**	Clemson	1
	Travis Etienne Jr., RB	Clemson	25
2020	**CJ Henderson, CB**	Florida	9
	K'Lavon Chaisson, DE	LSU	20
2019	**Josh Allen, LB**	Kentucky	7
2018	**Taven Bryan, DT**	Florida	29
2017	**Leonard Fournette, RB**	LSU	4
2016	**Jalen Ramsey, CB**	Florida State	5

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	13-4 (1st AFC South)
2024	4-13 (3rd AFC South)
2023	9-8 (T-2nd AFC South)
2022	9-8 (1st AFC South)
2021	3-14 (4th AFC South)

Josh Hines-Allen, DE

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

OL If the Jags want to keep Trevor Lawrence playing at the elite level we saw from him for much of the 2025 season, they need to invest in long-term upgrades along the interior of the offensive line. Both guard spots and the center position could use more talent and upside, and despite not having a first-round pick, the Jaguars should still have some strong options at either spot on Day 2.

CB Greg Newsome II was a disappointment after arriving via trade from Cleveland, and Travis Hunter's two-way status after a season-ending injury leaves question marks about the Jags' ability to have a true shutdown corner on the field for every down. It'll be difficult for them to find that kind of player without a first-round pick this year, but they could get lucky with a later pick.

S They have some solid veterans on the back end of the defense, but the Jags don't have a true difference-maker who can make splash plays all over the field. The best defenses in today's NFL have versatile safeties who can line up in the slot or down in the box, or cover deep, and Jacksonville just doesn't have that guy at the moment.

DL Jacksonville has one of the league's best edge-rushing tandems in Josh Hines-Allen and Travon Walker, but the interior needs an infusion of young talent. Arik Armstead was still making plays in 2025, but he's 32, and the Jags need to find a young successor who can learn from him before taking over a similar role.

TITANS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 4

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Cam Ward, QB**	Miami (Fla.)	1
2024	**JC Latham, OT**	Alabama	7
2023	**Peter Skoronski, OT**	Northwestern	11
2022	**Treylon Burks, WR**	Arkansas	18
2021	**Caleb Farley, CB**	Virginia Tech	22
2020	**Isaiah Wilson, OT**	Georgia	29
2019	**Jeffery Simmons, DT**	Mississippi State	19
2018	**Rashaan Evans, LB**	Alabama	22
2017	**Corey Davis, WR**	Western Michigan	5
	Adoree' Jackson, CB	USC	18
2016	**Jack Conklin, OT**	Michigan State	8

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	3-14 (4th AFC South)
2024	3-14 (4th AFC South)
2023	6-11 (4th AFC South)
2022	7-10 (2nd AFC South)
2021	12-5 (1st AFC South)

Elic Ayomanor, WR

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

WR Cam Ward quickly developed a strong connection with fellow rookie Elic Ayomanor last season, but the Titans need to surround their new franchise quarterback with as many weapons as possible. Adding another starting-caliber pass catcher to eventually take over for veteran Calvin Ridley would help Ward take his development to the next level in Year 2.

OL Speaking of taking care of Ward, the Titans have some solid young talent at a couple of spots up front, but the rest of the unit still needs plenty of help. Dan Moore Jr. was an expensive free-agent pickup at left tackle last offseason, and his play was inconsistent at best. They might wait a year before they try to upgrade that spot, but the interior needs immediate help.

EDGE The Titans have lacked a high-impact edge rusher since Harold Landry III's departure, and the entire defense has suffered as a result. They've got a top-five pick this year, and having already landed their quarterback in Ward, Tennessee is free to spend it on one of the best prospects in a loaded edge class.

CB L'Jarius Sneed isn't getting any younger, and he's been banged up since the Titans acquired him from Kansas City. He's still the best corner they have at the moment, though, which means they need two more if they want to have a strong starting trio when they're in nickel. Don't count out multiple draft picks at the position this year.

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BRONCOS

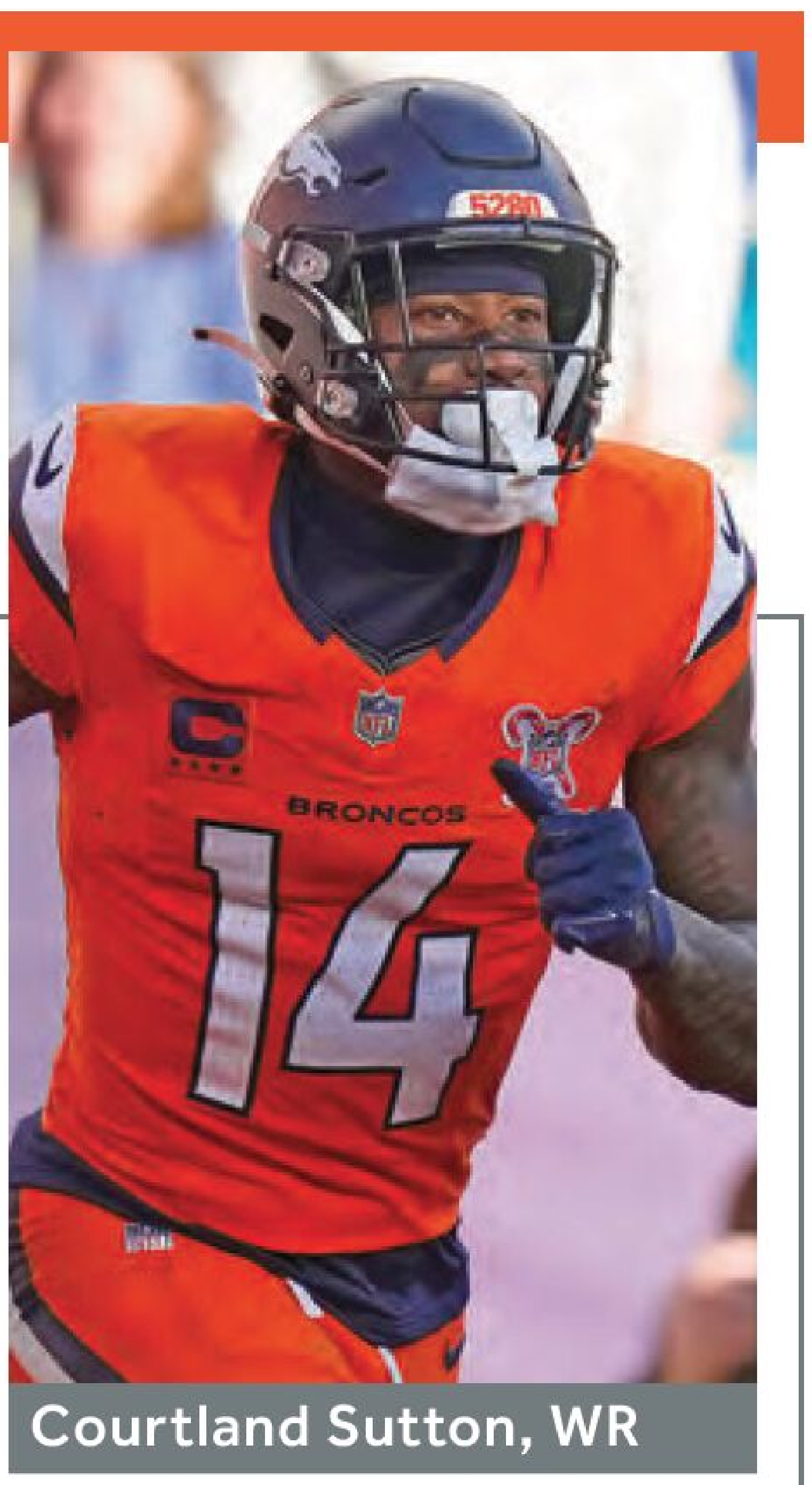
2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 30

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	Jahdae Barron, CB	Texas	20
2024	Bo Nix, QB	Oregon	12
2023	None		
2022	None		
2021	Pat Surtain II, CB	Alabama	9
2020	Jerry Jeudy, WR	Alabama	15
2019	Noah Fant, TE	Iowa	20
2018	Bradley Chubb, DE	NC State	5
2017	Garett Bolles, OT	Utah	20
2016	Paxton Lynch, QB	Memphis	26

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	14-3 (1st AFC West)
2024	10-7 (3rd AFC West)
2023	8-9 (T-2nd AFC West)
2022	5-12 (4th AFC West)
2021	7-10 (4th AFC West)


Courtland Sutton, WR

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

WR Courtland Sutton will turn 31 in October, and while the Broncos have invested some high picks in the position recently (Pat Bryant, Marvin Mims Jr.), they need to keep loading up on weapons around Bo Nix. Adding another talented pass catcher with some size and athleticism to learn behind Sutton before taking over his spot would be ideal.

OT Garett Bolles has been a mainstay for the Broncos at left tackle for a decade, but he'll be 34 when the 2026 season kicks off. It's time for Denver to invest in a successor who can sit behind Bolles for a year and learn the ropes, eventually taking over as the blind-side protector of the future for Nix.

TE Evan Engram was a valuable weapon when healthy last year, but he turns 32 in September and has only one year remaining on his current contract. His role is vital in head coach Sean Payton's offense, so the Broncos should look for another versatile pass-catching weapon who can line up at multiple spots and create mismatch opportunities.

LB Alex Singleton is 32 and headed for free agency, and while Dre Greenlaw is one of the league's better off-ball defenders when healthy, his first season in Denver was marred by multiple injuries. The Broncos need both immediate help and long-term stability at the position, and that's likely to come from early-round investments in the draft.

CHIEFS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 9

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	Josh Simmons, OT	Ohio State	32
2024	Xavier Worthy, WR	Texas	28
2023	Felix Anudike-Uzomah, DE	Kansas State	31
2022	Trent McDuffie, CB	Washington	21
	George Karlaftis, DE	Purdue	30
2021	None		
2020	Clyde Edwards-Helaire, RB	LSU	32
2019	None		
2018	None		
2017	Patrick Mahomes, QB	Texas Tech	10
2016	None		

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	6-11 (3rd AFC West)
2024	15-2 (1st AFC West)
2023	11-6 (1st AFC West)
2022	14-3 (1st AFC West)
2021	12-5 (1st AFC West)

Travis Kelce, TE

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

WR Patrick Mahomes has some explosive weapons with big-play ability, but there's no complete player who can win in different ways and do so consistently. Rashee Rice, Xavier Worthy and the rest of this group have valuable physical traits, but Mahomes needs a go-to target who can move the chains in clutch situations and win in the red zone.

TE Speaking of that reliable, go-to target, Travis Kelce has handled those duties for years. But the future Hall of Famer is 36, and he's clearly not the player he was during the prime of KC's dynasty. It's time for the Chiefs to invest in his replacement, even if Kelce returns for the 2026 season.

RB Isaih Pacheco has been a solid runner when healthy, and Kareem Hunt is an ideal No. 2 back who can win in short-yardage situations. But if the Chiefs have an opportunity to land a true difference-maker at the position, they should take a swing on a dual-threat playmaker who can threaten defenses on the ground and through the air.

DL Chris Jones has been one of the NFL's most disruptive interior defenders for years, but he'll turn 32 this summer. Even though he's still got plenty left on the hefty contract extension he signed in 2024, the Chiefs could still invest in a young prospect with a similar skill set who can learn and develop behind him before taking over down the road.

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RAIDERS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 1

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Ashton Jeanty, RB**	Boise State	6
2024	**Brock Bowers, TE**	Georgia	13
2023	**Tyree Wilson, DE**	Texas Tech	7
2022	**None**		
2021	**Alex Leatherwood, OT**	Alabama	17
2020	**Henry Ruggs III, WR**	Alabama	12
	Damon Arnette, CB	Ohio State	19
2019	**Clelin Ferrell, DE**	Clemson	4
	Josh Jacobs, RB	Alabama	24
	Johnathan Abram, S	Mississippi State	27
2018	**Kolton Miller, OT**	UCLA	15
2017	**Gareon Conley, CB**	Ohio State	24
2016	**Karl Joseph, S**	West Virginia	14

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	3-14 (4th in AFC West)
2024	4-13 (4th AFC West)
2023	8-9 (T-2nd AFC West)
2022	6-11 (3rd AFC West)
2021	10-7 (2nd AFC West)

Geno Smith, QB

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

QB Geno Smith was supposed to give the Raiders a solid, reliable presence under center in 2025, but that never materialized. There's plenty of blame to go around for that result, but the fact remains that Smith wasn't a long-term solution anyway. With this year's No. 1 overall pick, Las Vegas is in perfect position to find their franchise quarterback of the present and future.

OL Much of Smith's struggle last season can be attributed to a lackluster offensive line that failed to give him much protection or control the line of scrimmage in the run game. Left tackle Kolton Miller will be coming off a season-ending leg injury, and every other spot in the offensive trenches needs an immediate upgrade.

CB The defense needs more talent at every level, but the most immediate need is at corner, where they lack a true shutdown player who can force opposing quarterbacks to entirely avoid their side of the field (or pay the price). Those players aren't exactly easy to find, but the Raiders need to take a swing in that direction this offseason.

DL The Christian Wilkins signing didn't turn out well for the Raiders, who are still in search of an interior defender who can cause headaches for opposing offenses that are focused on trying to slow down Maxx Crosby. If they don't trade Crosby this offseason, finding an inside presence who can bring a similar level of disruption is a must.

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CHARGERS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 22

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Omarion Hampton, RB**	North Carolina	22
2024	**Joe Alt, OT**	Notre Dame	5
2023	**Quentin Johnson, WR**	TCU	21
2022	**Zion Johnson, G**	Boston College	17
2021	**Rashawn Slater, OT**	Northwestern	13
2020	**Justin Herbert, QB**	Oregon	6
	Kenneth Murray Jr., LB	Oklahoma	23
2019	**Jerry Tillery, DT**	Notre Dame	28
2018	**Derwin James Jr., S**	Florida State	17
2017	**Mike Williams, WR**	Clemson	7
2016	**Joey Bosa, DE**	Ohio State	3

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	11-6 (2nd AFC West)
2024	11-6 (2nd AFC West)
2023	5-12 (4th AFC West)
2022	10-7 (2nd AFC West)
2021	9-8 (3rd AFC West)

Khalil Mack, LB

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

EDGE Tuli Tuipolotu is developing into one of the league's better young edge rushers, but with Khalil Mack getting older and heading for free agency, the Chargers need to add another high-quality player at the position. This year's draft is loaded at the position, and the Chargers can choose from plenty of strong options across the first few rounds.

OL Justin Herbert and the Chargers' offense struggled mightily after losing both starting tackles to season-ending injuries. Even with Rashawn Slater and Joe Alt back at full strength in 2026, the interior will still need a ton of work. Upgrades at right guard and center should be priorities if they want Herbert to be kept upright and healthy next season and beyond.

DL The Chargers have solid depth at nose tackle with Teair Tart (who signed a three-year contract extension in January) and 2025 third-rounder Jamaree Caldwell, but the other interior spots could use an infusion of talented players who could push the current starters for their jobs, or at least strengthen the depth chart behind them.

CB Cam Hart and Tarheeb Still have both shown promise early in their respective NFL careers, but the Chargers should keep building up their depth at a position that requires three quality starters at all times. Whether it's another outside corner or someone who can line up in the slot, this defense would benefit from adding more young talent to this group.

COWBOYS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICKS: NOS. 12, 20

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Tyler Booker, G**	Alabama	12
2024	**Tyler Guyton, OT**	Oklahoma	29
2023	**Mazi Smith, DT**	Michigan	26
2022	**Tyler Smith, OT**	Tulsa	24
2021	**Micah Parsons, LB**	Penn State	12
2020	**CeeDee Lamb, WR**	Oklahoma	17
2019	**None**		
2018	**Leighton Vander Esch, LB**	Boise State	19
2017	**Taco Charlton, DE**	Michigan	28
2016	**Ezekiel Elliott, RB**	Ohio State	4

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	7-9-1 (2nd NFC East)
2024	7-10 (3rd NFC East)
2023	12-5 (1st NFC East)
2022	12-5 (2nd NFC East)
2021	12-5 (1st NFC East)

George Pickens, WR

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

EDGE To the surprise of no one, trading away Micah Parsons left the Cowboys without a pass rusher who could dominate off the edge, and the entire defense suffered as a result. They're unlikely to find a player of his caliber in this year's draft unless they trade up in the first round, but with multiple first-round picks, it's a possibility.

WR George Pickens made a massive impact in Dallas after arriving via trade from the Steelers, but it's hard to imagine Jerry Jones handing him a massive contract extension this offseason just to serve as the WR2 across from CeeDee Lamb. Spending an early-round pick on a big-play pass catcher to pair with Lamb should be a top priority to keep the offense humming.

LB Getting DeMarvion Overshown back from injury was a huge boost for this group, but the Cowboys still need another high-quality starter at the second level of their defense. If they don't spend one of their two first-round picks on an instant starter, Dallas will have to wait until the fourth round to address it with a depth player.

CB Trevon Diggs was waived late in the season after his swift regression left the Cowboys without a true shutdown corner they could rely on to cancel out an opposing team's top pass catcher. DaRon Bland is a streaky source of big plays, but this defense could use another top-flight corner who can provide a more consistent level of play on the outside.

GIANTS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 5

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Abdul Carter, DE**	Penn State	3
	Jaxson Dart, QB	Ole Miss	25
2024	**Malik Nabers, WR**	LSU	6
2023	**Deonte Banks, CB**	Maryland	24
2022	**Kayvon Thibodeaux, DE**	Oregon	5
2021	**Kadarius Toney, WR**	Florida	20
2020	**Andrew Thomas, OT**	Georgia	4
2019	**Daniel Jones, QB**	Duke	6
	Dexter Lawrence, DT	Clemson	17
	Deandre Baker, CB	Georgia	30
2018	**Saquon Barkley, RB**	Penn State	2
2017	**Evan Engram, TE**	Ole Miss	23
2016	**Eli Apple, CB**	Ohio State	10

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	4-13 (4th NFC East)
2024	3-14 (4th NFC East)
2023	6-11 (3rd NFC East)
2022	9-7-1 (3rd NFC East)
2021	4-13 (4th NFC East)

Andrew Thomas, LT

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

OT Andrew Thomas is one of the league's best left tackles when he's fully healthy, but Evan Neal hasn't worked out on the right side. The Giants need to invest another early draft pick to find a worthy bookend to line up across from Thomas, as they look to protect the future health of their young quarterback, Jaxson Dart, who was in the medical tent far too often as a rookie.

LB Every linebacker on this roster is best suited for depth and special-teams value, and there's just no high-quality starter to anchor the defense and provide big plays against either the run or pass. Off-ball linebackers don't tend to come off the board early in the draft, so the Giants could land a high-impact player at the position on Day 2.

WR The Giants hit a grand slam with Malik Nabers two years ago, and he should still be one of the most explosive receivers in the league after missing most of the 2025 season with a knee injury. His return will be most welcome for Dart and the offense, but they could still use another high-quality starter to line up alongside Nabers and Wan'Dale Robinson (if he returns).

CB Paulson Adebo was solid in his first season with the Giants last year as a free-agent signing, and Dru Philips has upside in the slot, but the defense could still use another blue-chip cover man on the outside across from Adebo. This year's draft is deep at the position, so New York should have some strong Day 2 options with starter potential.

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EAGLES

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 23

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Jihaad Campbell, LB**	Alabama	31
2024	**Quinyon Mitchell, CB**	Toledo	22
2023	**Jalen Carter, DT**	Georgia	9
	Nolan Smith, LB	Georgia	30
2022	**Jordan Davis, DT**	Georgia	13
2021	**DeVonta Smith, WR**	Alabama	10
2020	**Jalen Reagor, WR**	TCU	21
2019	**Andre Dillard, OT**	Washington State	22
2018	**None**		
2017	**Derek Barnett, DE**	Tennessee	14
2016	**Carson Wentz, QB**	North Dakota State	2

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	11-6 (1st NFC East)
2024	14-3 (1st NFC East)
2023	11-6 (2nd NFC East)
2022	14-3 (1st NFC East)
2021	9-8 (2nd NFC East)

Dallas Goedert, TE

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

OL Injuries and inconsistency plagued the interior of the Eagles' offensive line last season, and while Lane Johnson remains one of the NFL's best right tackles when healthy, injuries have continued to hold him back. Finding a high-upside prospect to develop behind him should be a priority, as well as reloading the depth inside.

TE If the Eagles aren't able to keep Dallas Goedert from leaving in free agency, they'll need to find someone else who can replace the versatility and pass-catching value he brings to the offense. This year's draft is loaded with depth and potential at tight end, giving the Eagles plenty of intriguing options on Day 2 and beyond.

WR A.J. Brown and DeVonta Smith give the Eagles one of the league's best wide receiver tandems, but they could use a third option who can take advantage of the attention opposing defenses have to pay them on every down. Finding a true speed threat who can stretch the field or an elite route-runner who can create separation would be ideal.

EDGE Trading for Jaelan Philips was a smart move at the deadline last year, but you can never have too many talented pass rushers in today's NFL. This isn't the kind of glaring need that has to be filled in the early rounds, but if the right player falls into their lap thanks to a deep class at the position, the Eagles shouldn't hesitate to pounce on value at a premium spot.

COMMANDERS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 7

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Josh Conerly Jr., OT**	Oregon	29
2024	**Jayden Daniels, QB**	LSU	2
2023	**Emmanuel Forbes, CB**	Mississippi State	16
2022	**Jahan Dotson, WR**	Penn State	16
2021	**Jamin Davis, LB**	Kentucky	19
2020	**Chase Young, DE**	Ohio State	2
2019	**Dwayne Haskins Jr., QB**	Ohio State	15
	Montez Sweat, DE	Mississippi State	26
2018	**Daron Payne, DT**	Alabama	13
2017	**Jonathan Allen, DT**	Alabama	17
2016	**Josh Doctson, WR**	TCU	22

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	5-12 (3rd NFC East)
2024	12-5 (2nd NFC East)
2023	4-13 (4th NFC East)
2022	8-8-1 (4th NFC East)
2021	7-10 (3rd NFC East)

Terry McLaurin, WR

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

EDGE This defense is desperate for playmakers at every level, but any successful rebuild has to start in the trenches. The Commanders haven't had a true impact player rushing the passer off the edge since they traded away Montez Sweat and Chase Young a few years ago, and they need to find that kind of player in this year's draft.

DB Speaking of playmakers on defense, the Commanders don't have a true shutdown corner, and they really need two high-quality starters on the outside to go along with Mike Sainristil in the slot. On the back end, they need a do-it-all safety who can play center field and create big plays in the passing game, or roll down into the box to confuse opposing offenses.

OL Trading for Laremy Tunsil last offseason was a wise move to ensure that Jayden Daniels' blind side remains protected, and Josh Conerly Jr. showed some promise on the right side as a rookie. But the interior could still use some upgrades as the Commanders look to ensure Daniels can stay healthy after an injury-riddled sophomore campaign.

WR Terry McLaurin remains one of the most underrated wide receivers in the league, but he turns 31 in September. Even if he's able to maintain his current level of play for another year or two, Washington needs to upgrade the WR2 spot with a high-upside prospect who could eventually take over the top spot on the depth chart.

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BEARS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 25

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Colston Loveland, TE**	Michigan	10
2024	**Caleb Williams, QB**	USC	1
	Rome Odunze, WR	Washington	9
2023	**Darnell Wright, OT**	Tennessee	10
2022	**None**		
2021	**Justin Fields, QB**	Ohio State	11
2020	**None**		
2019	**None**		
2018	**Roquan Smith, LB**	Georgia	8
2017	**Mitchell Trubisky, QB**	North Carolina	2
2016	**Leonard Floyd, LB**	Georgia	9

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	11-6 (1st NFC North)
2024	5-12 (4th NFC North)
2023	7-10 (T-3rd NFC North)
2022	3-14 (4th NFC North)
2021	6-11 (3rd NFC North)

Kevin Byard III, S

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

EDGE Montez Sweat has been well worth what the Bears traded for him, as well as the long-term contract extension they gave him. But this defensive front needs another high-end edge rusher to line up on the other side. This year's draft is loaded with top talent at the position and should give them some solid options in the early rounds.

DL There's still some upside with the young players along the interior of the Bears' defensive line, but nobody has emerged as a true three-down force who can dominate in the run game and push the pocket as a pass rusher. A veteran addition in free agency is likely, but that shouldn't keep Chicago from investing an early draft pick to find a more long-term solution.

S Kevin Byard III and Jaquan Brisker are both headed for free agency, and it's unlikely the Bears will retain them both. Even if they lose only one of them, they'll still need to find a starting-caliber replacement. Byard led the NFL in interceptions in 2025, and they'll need that kind of ball hawk if they lose him.

LB When healthy, Tremaine Edmunds and T.J. Edwards are a solid tandem with valuable experience at the second level of the defense, but both missed significant time with injuries last season. Those injuries exposed the Bears' lack of depth at the position, and they should bolster that group via free agency and the draft this offseason.

LIONS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 17

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Tyleik Williams, DT**	Ohio State	28
2024	**Terrion Arnold, CB**	Alabama	24
2023	**Jahmyr Gibbs, RB**	Alabama	12
2022	**Aidan Hutchinson, DE**	Michigan	2
2021	**Penei Sewell, OT**	Oregon	7
2020	**Jeff Okudah, CB**	Ohio State	3
2019	**T.J. Hockenson, TE**	Iowa	8
2018	**Frank Ragnow, C**	Arkansas	20
2017	**Jarrad Davis, LB**	Florida	21
2016	**Taylor Decker, OT**	Ohio State	16

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	9-8 (T-3rd, NFC North)
2024	15-2 (1st NFC North)
2023	12-5 (1st NFC North)
2022	9-8 (2nd NFC North)
2021	3-13-1 (4th NFC North)

Aidan Hutchinson, DE

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

EDGE Aidan Hutchinson is obviously one of the most dominant edge defenders in the entire NFL at full strength, but the Lions don't have anyone on their current roster who can hold a candle to him on the other side of the defensive line. Upgrading that starting spot should be a top priority this offseason, whether in free agency or early in the draft.

DB Injuries ravaged this unit again last year, with five members of the secondary finishing the season on injured reserve. There's always the possibility that any of those players could struggle to return to form following a serious injury, so the Lions should look to bolster their depth at both corner and safety this offseason.

OL Swing tackle Dan Skipper retired, and starting left tackle Taylor Decker might follow suit after both veterans struggled through multiple injuries in 2025. The Lions already needed help along the interior at multiple spots, and finding a new starting left tackle and replacing the quality depth that Skipper brought to the table will be vital.

LB Jack Campbell is a cornerstone player the Lions can keep building their defense around, but injuries and inconsistency have plagued the rest of their linebacker group. Finding another three-down defender who can upgrade the other starting spot next to Campbell would raise the ceiling for the entire unit.

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PACKERS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NONE

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Matthew Golden, WR**	Texas	23
2024	**Jordan Morgan, OL**	Arizona	25
2023	**Lukas Van Ness, DE**	Iowa	13
2022	**Quay Walker, LB**	Georgia	22
	Devonte Wyatt, DT	Georgia	28
2021	**Eric Stokes, CB**	Georgia	29
2020	**Jordan Love, QB**	Utah State	26
2019	**Rashan Gary, LB**	Michigan	12
	Darnell Savage Jr., S	Maryland	21
2018	**Jaire Alexander, CB**	Louisville	18
2017	**None**		
2016	**Kenny Clark, DT**	UCLA	27

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	9-7-1 (2nd NFC North)
2024	11-6 (3rd NFC North)
2023	9-8 (2nd NFC North)
2022	8-9 (3rd NFC North)
2021	13-4 (1st NFC North)

Sean Rhyan, OL

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

CB The Packers have a handful of defensive backs who can handle the slot/nickel responsibilities, but no true shutdown corner. They haven't had that kind of presence since Jaire Alexander's pre-injury prime, and without a first-round pick, they'll have to hope that a deep corner class gives them some worthy options on Day 2.

DL Acquiring Micah Parsons was obviously huge for the Green Bay defense, but the loss of Kenny Clark in that same trade dealt a massive blow to the interior of the defensive front. The Packers need to find a true nose tackle who can plug up the middle of the trenches, taking on double-teams and shutting down the ground game in a way Colby Wooden struggled to do in 2025.

OL Sean Rhyan is headed for free agency, and if the Packers don't bring him back, they'll need a new starting center. That might not be the end of their needs along the interior of the offensive line, as Elgton Jenkins could be cut for salary cap reasons. If they don't double-dip with multiple draft picks here, the Packers could target a versatile blocker who could fill multiple spots.

LB Quay Walker is set to hit the open market this offseason, and if he's not re-signed, the Packers will have a gaping hole in their defense. Finding another athletic, physical playmaker to line up next to Edgerrin Cooper should be a top priority, and if they don't find a suitable veteran replacement, they'll have to address it with a draft pick.

VIKINGS

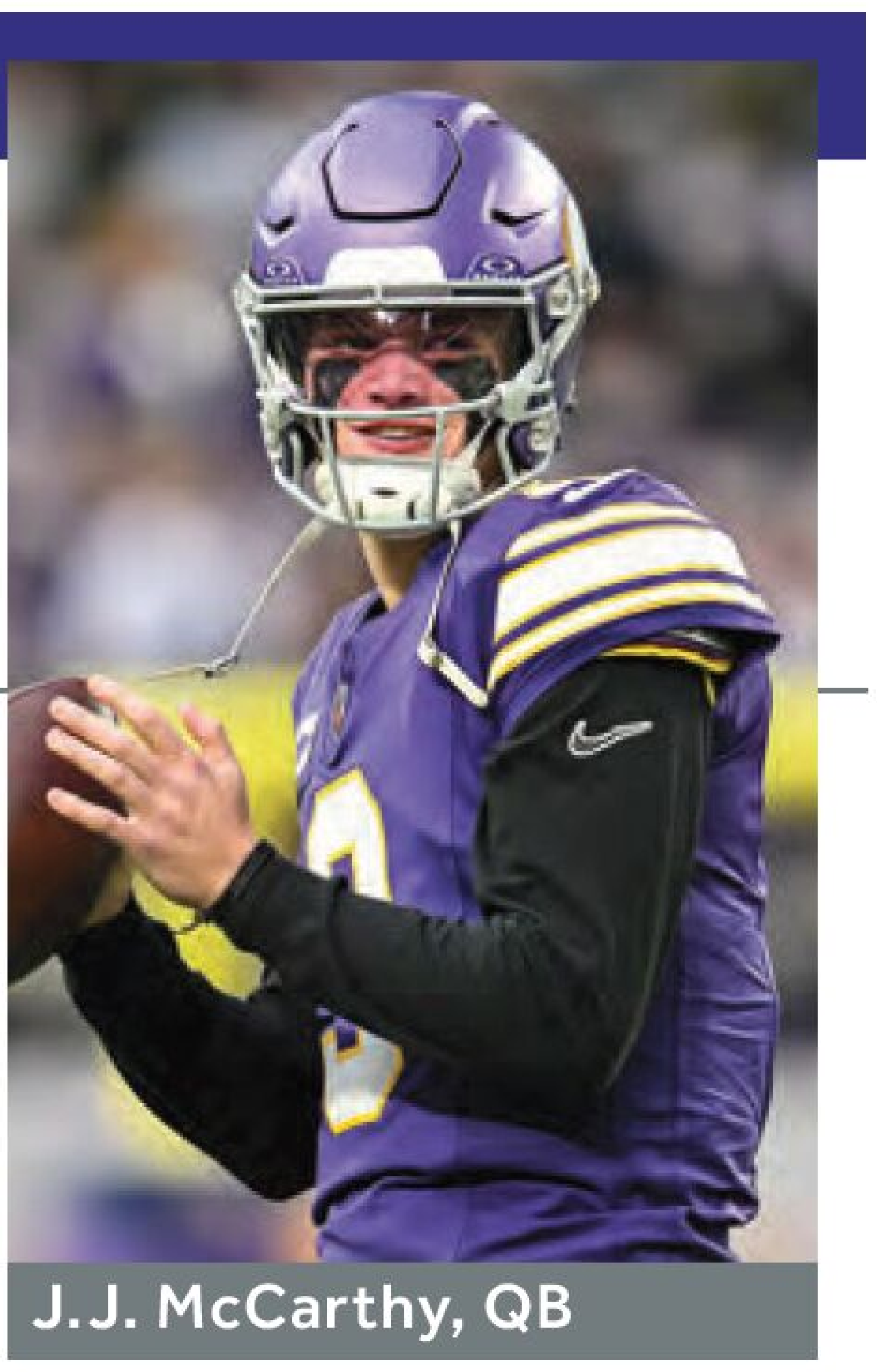
2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 18

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Donovan Jackson, G**	Ohio State	24
2024	**J.J. McCarthy, QB**	Michigan	10
	Dallas Turner, Edge	Alabama	17
2023	**Jordan Addison, WR**	USC	23
2022	**Lewis Cine, S**	Georgia	32
2021	**Christian Darrisaw, OT**	Virginia Tech	23
2020	**Justin Jefferson, WR**	LSU	22
	Jeff Gladney, CB	TCU	31
2019	**Garrett Bradbury, C**	NC State	18
2018	**Mike Hughes, CB**	UCF	30
2017	**None**		
2016	**Laquon Treadwell, WR**	Ole Miss	23

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	9-8 (T-3rd NFC North)
2024	14-3 (2nd NFC North)
2023	7-10 (T-3rd NFC North)
2022	13-4 (1st NFC North)
2021	8-9 (2nd NFC North)


J.J. McCarthy, QB

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

CB Brian Flores returning as defensive coordinator is a huge win for the Vikings, but they need to keep giving him the talent to maximize his scheme. Having athletic, smart corners who can hang in man coverage is paramount to success, and they need to add another blue-chip prospect early in this draft to keep this unit running at full speed.

S With Harrison Smith expected to retire after what's sure to be a Hall of Fame career, there will be a massive hole on the back end of Minnesota's defense. While it's unfair to expect them to find another gold-jacket player at the position in this draft, the Vikings should have plenty of strong options in the early rounds who can start right away.

DL The Vikings spent decent money on solid free agents to raise the floor of this group last year, but they need to invest in a young talent to pair with Jalen Redmond for the long haul. Redmond is undersized but explosive, so finding a bigger interior defender who can take on double-teams and give him more 1-on-1 opportunities would be ideal.

QB This is the elephant in the room for the Vikings. They invested a top-10 pick in J.J. McCarthy two years ago, and after he missed his entire rookie season, his play in 2025 didn't inspire a ton of confidence in his ability to be a true franchise passer for a team with playoff expectations. It's likely that Minnesota will give him one more year, but don't be surprised if the team adds some legitimate competition.

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FALCONS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NONE

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Jalon Walker, OLB**	Georgia	15
	James Pearce Jr., DE	Tennessee	26
2024	**Michael Penix Jr., QB**	Washington	8
2023	**Bijan Robinson, RB**	Texas	8
2022	**Drake London, WR**	USC	8
2021	**Kyle Pitts, TE**	Florida	4
2020	**A.J. Terrell, CB**	Clemson	16
2019	**Chris Lindstrom, G**	Boston College	14
	Kaleb McGary, OT	Washington	31
2018	**Calvin Ridley, WR**	Alabama	26
2017	**Takkarist McKinley, LB**	UCLA	26
2016	**Keanu Neal, S**	Florida	17

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	8-9 (T-1st NFC South)
2024	8-9 (2nd NFC South)
2023	7-10 (3rd NFC South)
2022	7-10 (T-2nd NFC South)
2021	7-10 (3rd NFC South)

Clark Phillips III, CB

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

CB A.J. Terrell Jr. is one of the better outside corners in the league, but the Falcons could use an upgrade on the other side of the field. It also wouldn't hurt to find another slot/nickel corner who could push Clark Phillips III for that role in a defense that showed tons of improvement last season but still has plenty of room to grow.

DL David Onyemata is 33 and headed for free agency, and the Falcons still haven't gotten a worthy return on their investment in recent draft picks like Ruke Orhorhoro and Brandon Dorlus. The outside pass rush was much improved last year, but upgrading the interior should be a primary focus this time around.

WR The Falcons have one of the NFL's best young receivers in Drake London, but injuries and inconsistency have plagued the other targets who have tried to step into the WR2 role. Atlanta doesn't have a first-round pick thanks to last year's draft-day trade with the Rams, but the team should still have some solid options on Day 2 that could immediately upgrade this spot.

TE There's still a chance Kyle Pitts re-signs instead of heading elsewhere in free agency, but if the Falcons can't bring him back, they'll have a big hole at the top of the depth chart at tight end. Pitts never lived up to the expectations that came with his top-five draft slot and his physical traits, but Atlanta could take another swing on a high-upside pass catcher to replace him.

PANTHERS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 19

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Tetairoa McMillan, WR**	Arizona	8
2024	**Xavier Legette, WR**	South Carolina	32
2023	**Bryce Young, QB**	Alabama	1
2022	**Ikem Ekwonu, OT**	NC State	6
2021	**Jaycee Horn, CB**	South Carolina	8
2020	**Derrick Brown, DT**	Auburn	7
2019	**Brian Burns, DE**	Florida State	16
2018	**DJ Moore, WR**	Maryland	24
2017	**Christian McCaffrey, RB**	Stanford	8
2016	**Vernon Butler, DT**	Louisiana Tech	30

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	8-9 (T-1st NFC South)
2024	5-12 (T-3rd NFC South)
2023	2-15 (4th NFC South)
2022	7-10 (T-2nd NFC South)
2021	5-12 (4th NFC South)

Ikem Ekwonu, LT

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

OL If the Panthers want Bryce Young to live up to his billing as a No. 1 overall pick, they need to keep building his supporting cast and give him as much help as possible. Loading up on talent in the trenches is always a good idea, and the interior is where the biggest needs are. They could spend an early draft pick there.

LB It's been a long time since the Panthers had a dominant linebacker tandem like Luke Kuechly and Shaq Thompson roaming the field, and it's time they make significant upgrades to their current group. Finding another future Hall of Famer like Kuechly is unlikely, but Carolina should still take a swing on some young talent in the early rounds.

TE A late-season injury to Ja'Tavion Sanders was disappointing after the flashes of potential he showed in 2025, but even if he's back to full strength in 2026, the Panthers could still look for another dynamic playmaker at tight end who can create mismatches against opposing defenses. This year's class is deep at the position and should have plenty of intriguing options in every round.

EDGE Carolina invested multiple draft picks at this position last year, but while Nic Scourton and Princely Umanmielen both showed glimpses of potential, that shouldn't prevent the Panthers from adding more young talent at the position. You can never have too many high-end pass rushers in today's NFL, and more depth should be the goal for the Panthers.

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SAINTS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 8

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Kelvin Banks Jr., OT**	Texas	9
2024	**Taliese Fuaga, OT**	Oregon State	14
2023	**Bryan Bresee, DT**	Clemson	29
2022	**Chris Olave, WR**	Ohio State	11
	Trevor Penning, OT	Northern Iowa	19
2021	**Payton Turner, DE**	Houston	28
2020	**Cesar Ruiz, C**	Michigan	24
2019	**None**		
2018	**Marcus Davenport, DE**	UTSA	14
2017	**Marshon Lattimore, CB**	Ohio State	11
	Ryan Ramczyk, OT	Wisconsin	32
2016	**Sheldon Rankins, DT**	Louisville	12

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	6-11 (4th NFC South)
2024	5-12 (T-3rd NFC South)
2023	9-8 (T-1st NFC South)
2022	7-10 (T-2nd NFC South)
2021	9-8 (2nd NFC South)

Chris Olave, WR

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

WR Chris Olave is one of the league's better receivers when healthy, but he has dealt with multiple injuries over the past two seasons. Trading away Rashid Shaheed also left the Saints without a reliable No. 2 target opposite Olave, so this group needs some immediate attention in the offseason. Replacing Shaheed's speed and finding a reliable secondary option for quarterback Tyler Shough would be ideal.

OL The tackle spots should be secure for a while with back-to-back first-rounders in Kelvin Banks Jr. and Taliese Fuaga, but the interior needs some help. The left guard spot could use an immediate upgrade, and you could make a case that the Saints could find a cheaper, better option than Cesar Ruiz at right guard.

CB Fourth-round steal Quincy Riley impressed in the slot as a rookie, but Alontae Taylor is set to hit free agency, and Kool-Aid McKinstry has been inconsistent over his two seasons with the team. Finding a quality outside corner who could immediately replace Taylor and also potentially push McKinstry for the CB1 role should be an early-round priority in the draft.

EDGE The addition of Chase Young was a win for the Saints, but Cameron Jordan turns 37 this summer, and Carl Granderson regressed a bit in 2025. Young still has plenty of upside at 27 if he can stay healthy, but the Saints need to invest in a young prospect who can take the torch from Jordan and push Granderson for a starting job as soon as possible.

BUCCANEERS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 15

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Emeka Egbuka, WR**	Ohio State	19
2024	**Graham Barton, C**	Duke	26
2023	**Calijah Kancey, DT**	Pitt	19
2022	**None**		
2021	**Joe Tryon-Shoyinka, DE**	Washington	32
2020	**Tristan Wirfs, OT**	Iowa	13
2019	**Devin White, LB**	LSU	5
2018	**Vita Vea, DT**	Washington	12
2017	**O.J. Howard, TE**	Alabama	19
2016	**Vernon Hargreaves III, CB**	Florida	11

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	8-9 (T-1st NFC South)
2024	10-7 (1st NFC South)
2023	9-8 (T-1st NFC South)
2022	8-9 (1st NFC South)
2021	13-4 (1st NFC South)

Jacob Parrish, CB

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

EDGE Ever since an Achilles injury effectively ended Shaq Barrett's impressive run in Tampa Bay, the Bucs have struggled to find an edge rusher who can take over games and get after the opposing quarterback consistently. They've struggled to find an impact player despite multiple early-round swings in recent years, but they have to keep swinging until they connect again.

LB Future Hall of Famer Lavonte David might hang up his cleats this offseason, but even if he returns on another one-year deal, the Bucs would still need to upgrade the other linebacker spot next to the ageless wonder. If he does retire, Tampa Bay will have two massive holes to fill at the heart of its defense, needing immediate help and long-term potential.

CB Jamel Dean is set to hit free agency after reworking his contract in 2025, and Zyon McCollum struggled with consistency and durability after signing a three-year contract extension. Jacob Parrish was a stud in the slot as a rookie last year, but fellow rookie Benjamin Morrison was banged up for much of the year. More help on the outside is imperative.

TE Cade Otton is headed for the open market, and the fact that the Bucs didn't work to extend him yet indicates they're looking for an upgrade. They're already loaded at wide receiver, but they shouldn't pass up the opportunity to land a mismatch weapon at tight end who could give Baker Mayfield another valuable target who can make big plays down the field.

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CARDINALS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 3

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	Walter Nolen, DT	Ole Miss	16
2024	Marvin Harrison Jr., WR	Ohio State	4
2023	Paris Johnson Jr., OT	Ohio State	6
2022	None		
2021	Zaven Collins, LB	Tulsa	16
2020	Isaiah Simmons, LB	Clemson	8
2019	Kyler Murray, QB	Oklahoma	1
2018	Josh Rosen, QB	UCLA	10
2017	Haason Reddick, LB	Temple	13
2016	Robert Nkemdiche, DT	Ole Miss	29

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	3-14 (4th NFC West)
2024	8-9 (3rd NFC West)
2023	4-13 (4th NFC West)
2022	4-13 (4th NFC West)
2021	11-6 (2nd NFC West)

Will Johnson, CB

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

QB Arizona has a big decision to make at quarterback this offseason, and moving on from Kyler Murray is a real possibility. If that happens, the Cardinals will need a new franchise passer in a year when there won't be many attractive options, either on the free agent market or at the top of the draft class. A cheap veteran and a mid-round pick might be their only solution.

OL No matter who ends up throwing the passes for the Cards next season and beyond, there are big upgrades needed in the offensive trenches if they want that quarterback to have sustained success. There are immediate upgrades necessary along the interior, and finding a successor for Jonah Williams at right tackle should be a top priority.

EDGE Josh Sweat looked like a strong signing last season, but Arizona should be looking for a potential upgrade on the other side of the defensive front. This year's draft is loaded with top talent at the edge defender spot, leaving the Cardinals with plenty of solid options on Day 2 if they don't spend their top-five pick there.

CB Will Johnson looks like a second-round steal and could be a legit shutdown corner if he can stay healthy. That said, Arizona could use an upgrade at the other spot on the outside opposite Johnson, as well as in the slot. Don't be surprised if the Cardinals double-dip here this offseason, targeting different skill sets to fill each of those roles effectively.

RAMS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICKS: NOS. 13, 29

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	None		
2024	Jared Verse, Edge	Florida State	19
2023	None		
2022	None		
2021	None		
2020	None		
2019	None		
2018	None		
2017	None		
2016	Jared Goff, QB	California	1

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	12-5 (T-2nd NFC West)
2024	10-7 (T-1st NFC West)
2023	10-7 (2nd NFC West)
2022	5-12 (3rd NFC West)
2021	12-5 (1st NFC West)

Matthew Stafford, QB

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

CB Ever since they traded away Jalen Ramsey, the Rams have lacked a true shutdown corner who can eliminate his side of the field from consideration by the opposing quarterback. Those kinds of players aren't exactly easy to find, but Los Angeles needs to take a swing on a free agent or draft pick who has the potential to approach that level.

OT Much like their quarterback situation, the Rams need a long-term solution at right tackle, where pending free agent Rob Havenstein turns 34 years old in May. They could also find an immediate upgrade over Alaric Jackson on the left side or invest in a high-upside prospect who could develop with time and patience over the next couple of seasons.

LB This group is full of depth players who have been serviceable enough, but nobody who can be considered a true impact performer with the ability to set the tone of the entire defense and consistently make splash plays against both the run and pass. Finding that kind of defender should be a top priority for the Rams this offseason.

QB Even with Matthew Stafford returning for another season as the starter, the Rams need a legitimate succession plan as they look ahead to the future at the most important position on the field. Now is the perfect time for them to find a young prospect who can learn behind Stafford and get familiar with head coach Sean McVay's offense before taking over down the road.

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49ERS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 27

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Mykel Williams, DE**	Georgia	11
2024	**Ricky Pearsall, WR**	Florida	31
2023	**None**		
2022	**None**		
2021	**Trey Lance, QB**	North Dakota State	3
2020	**Javon Kinlaw, DT**	South Carolina	14
	Brandon Aiyuk, WR	Arizona State	25
2019	**Nick Bosa, DE**	Ohio State	2
2018	**Mike McGlinchey, OT**	Notre Dame	9
2017	**Solomon Thomas, DE**	Stanford	3
	Reuben Foster, LB	Alabama	31
2016	**DeForest Buckner, DE**	Oregon	7
	Joshua Garnett, G	Stanford	28

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	12-5 (T-2nd NFC West)
2024	6-11 (4th NFC West)
2023	12-5 (1st NFC West)
2022	13-4 (1st NFC West)
2021	10-7 (3rd NFC West)

Trent Williams, OT

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

OL Trent Williams will have a gold jacket someday, but he's turning 38 this offseason, so it's time for the 49ers to find his eventual successor. Finding an athletic understudy with the movement skills to fit head coach Kyle Shanahan's offense should be their top priority, and they should also bolster their depth along the interior.

LB Fred Warner is arguably the best linebacker in the league when healthy, but he'll be coming off a serious injury. Even if he's back to his usual level of play, the 49ers could look for an upgrade over Dee Winters, who showed some flashes of potential this season but still needs to show more consistency.

WR It looks like Brandon Aiyuk has played his last down in a 49ers uniform, and Jauan Jennings is hitting free agency. Ricky Pearsall Jr. is set to be the WR1 by default heading into the 2026 season, but he's dealt with multiple injuries already in his young NFL career. This group needs quality depth, and perhaps a potential No. 1 target if Pearsall can't stay healthy.

EDGE The 49ers just spent a first-round pick on Mykel Williams, but both he and Nick Bosa will be coming off torn ACLs, and the depth at the position could be decimated by free-agent departures. They'll have bigger fish to fry in the early rounds of this draft, but they have to reload their depth and hunt for upside in case more injuries happen.

SEAHAWKS

2026 FIRST-ROUND PICK: NO. 31/32*

*Pending at press time

10-YEAR FIRST-ROUND DRAFT HISTORY

YEAR	PLAYER, POSITION	SCHOOL	PICK
2025	**Grey Zabel, G**	North Dakota State	18
2024	**Byron Murphy II, DT**	Texas	16
2023	**Devon Witherspoon, CB**	Illinois	5
	Jaxon Smith-Njigba, WR	Ohio State	20
2022	**Charles Cross, OT**	Mississippi State	9
2021	**None**		
2020	**Jordyn Brooks, LB**	Texas Tech	27
2019	**L.J. Collier, DE**	TCU	29
2018	**Rashaad Penny, RB**	San Diego State	27
2017	**None**		
2016	**Germain Ifedi, G**	Texas A&M	31

5-YEAR WIN TREND

2025	14-3 (1st NFC West)
2024	10-7 (T-1st NFC West)
2023	9-8 (3rd NFC West)
2022	9-8 (2nd NFC West)
2021	7-10 (4th NFC West)

Ernest Jones IV, LB

OFFSEASON PRIORITIES

OL Seattle nailed its first-rounder last year with Grey Zabel, but the interior of the offensive line still needs more help. Upgrading at center and right guard would help take an already effective ground game to another level and would ensure that quarterback Sam Darnold stays well protected.

LB Ernest Jones IV was cast off by multiple teams before landing in Seattle and proving to be a valuable member of one of the NFL's most dominant defenses, but the Seahawks don't have another linebacker on his level right now. Whether it's a quality veteran or an early-round draft pick, upgrading this unit would be a huge boost for the entire defense.

EDGE DeMarcus Lawrence remains one of the most complete and underrated edge defenders in the NFL, but recent early draft picks Derick Hall and Boye Mafe have yet to prove they can be consistently productive starters across from him. The Seahawks should take another swing at finding a reliable presence on the other side of the defensive front.

CB Riq Woolen is set to hit free agency, and if he's not re-signed, the Seahawks will need a new starter on the outside opposite Devon Witherspoon. Josh Jobe has had his moments, but this defense could be even better if Seattle is able to find a blue-chip talent who can push him or overtake him in the starting lineup.

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TOP 25 PROSPECTS
FOR 2027

1. **Jeremiah Smith** | WR | Ohio State
2. **Colin Simmons** | Edge | Texas
3. **Arch Manning** | QB | Texas
4. **Dante Moore** | QB | Oregon
5. **Dylan Stewart** | Edge | South Carolina
6. **Cam Coleman** | WR | Texas
7. **LaNorris Sellers** | QB | South Carolina
8. **Trevor Goosby** | OT | Texas
9. **Leonard Moore** | CB | Notre Dame
10. **Ryan Williams** | WR | Alabama
11. **David Stone** | DL | Oklahoma
12. **A'Mauri Washington** | DL | Oregon
13. **KJ Bolden** | S | Georgia
14. **Nick Marsh** | WR | Indiana
15. **Zabien Brown** | CB | Alabama
16. **Jordan Seaton** | OT | LSU
17. **Ellis Robinson IV** | CB | Georgia
18. **Matayo Uiagalelei** | Edge | Oregon
19. **Marcus Neal Jr.** | S | Penn State
20. **Brandon Baker** | OT | Texas
21. **Ahmad Hardy** | RB | Missouri
22. **John Henry Daley** | Edge | Michigan
23. **Julian Sayin** | QB | Ohio State
24. **DJ Lagway** | QB | Baylor
25. **Nate Frazier** | RB | Georgia

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